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## Military Infectious Diseases Update on Vaccine Development

*The Quadruple Aim: Working Together, Achieving Success*

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# Military Infectious Diseases Research Program (MIDRP)



To conduct for the Department of Defense, a focused and responsive world class infectious diseases research and development program leading to **fielding of effective, improved means of protection and treatment**

to maintain maximal global operational capability with minimal morbidity and mortality

- Force Health Protection
- Naturally Occurring Infectious Diseases





# Military Infectious Diseases Research Program (MIDRP)



## Prevention



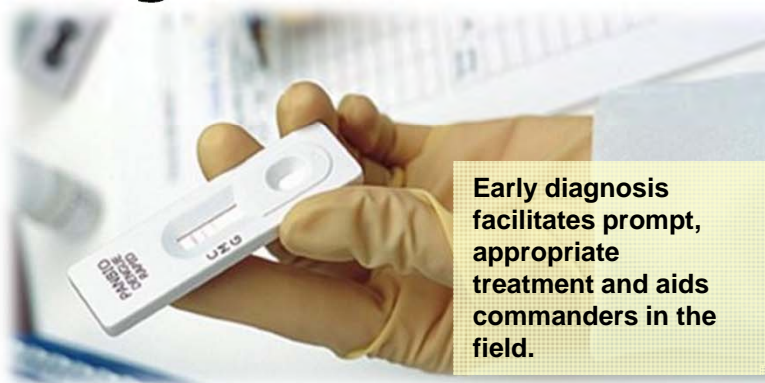
Infectious diseases adversely impact military operations. Vaccines are the long-term solution.

## Treatment



New drugs are continually required to overcome evolving drug resistance.

## Diagnostics



Early diagnosis facilitates prompt, appropriate treatment and aids commanders in the field.

## Insect Vector Control



Most militarily relevant infectious diseases are transmitted by biting insects and other arthropods.

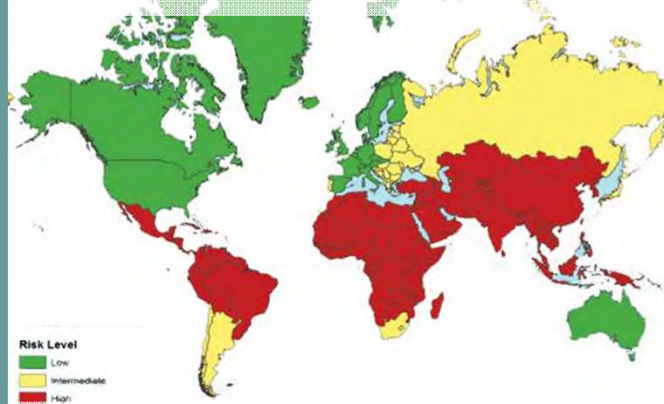
# Naturally Occurring Infectious Diseases Impact U.S. Military Operations



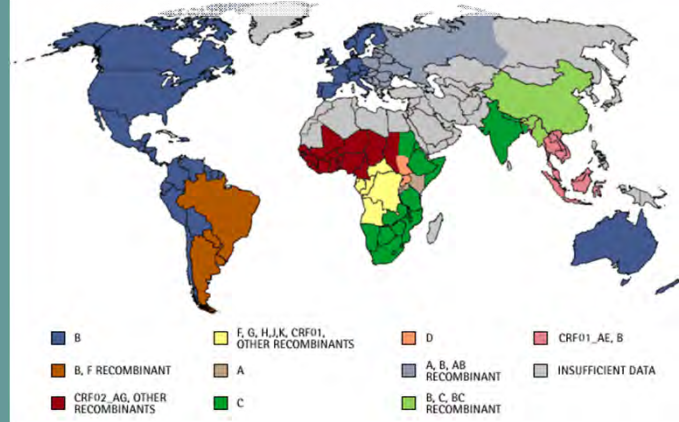
## Infectious Diseases...

- Can cause more casualties than enemy fire
- Are present wherever the military is deployed
- Require new tools to combat emerging diseases and evolving drug resistance

Risk Areas for Travelers' Diarrhea



Global Distribution of HIV-1 Strains



## Military Cost...

- Lost duty time
- Decreased combat effectiveness
- Morbidity due to drug-related side effects
- Medical logistical burden



# US Military Infectious Disease Products

| Research Effort     |  | Advanced Development                        | Fielded Products   |
|---------------------|--|---|--|
| Antiparasitic Drugs | Malaria  | Intravenous Artesunate<br>Tafenoquine       | Atovaquone/Proguanil (Malarone, 2000)<br>Doxycycline (Vibramycin®, 1992)<br>Halofantrine (Halfan®, 1992)<br>Mefloquine (Lariam®, 1989)<br>Sulfadoxine-Pyrimethamine (1983)<br>Chloroquine-Primaquine Tablets (1969)<br>Primaquine (1952)<br>Chloroquine (1949) |
|                     | Leishmaniasis  | Pentostam<br>Topical drug                   |  |
| Vaccines            | Malaria<br>Diarrhea<br>Dengue<br>Hemorrhagic fevers<br>Scrub Typhus<br>Meningitis<br>HIV | New Adenovirus<br>Dengue Tetravalent<br>HIV | Japanese Encephalitis - cell based (2009)<br>Hepatitis A (1995)<br>Japanese Encephalitis (1992)<br>Oral Live Typhoid Ty21A (1989)<br>Hepatitis B (1981)<br>Meningococcus (A, C, Y, W-135) (1981)<br>Adenovirus 4 & 7 (1980) (2011)                             |
| Protectants         | Repellents<br>Sand fly control<br>Insect identification                                  | Combined Camouflage<br>Face Paint           | Walter Reed Biosystematics Unit (2004)<br>West Nile Virus Diagnostic Kit (2001)<br>Scrub Typhus Diagnostic Kit (1998)<br>Malaria Diagnostic Kit (1996)<br>DEET-based Insect Repellent (1946)   |
| Diagnostics         | Laboratory-based assays<br>Point-of-care devices   | Leishmania PCR<br>Leishmania Skin Test      | Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Test (2007)   |





# What Makes the MIDRP Unique?



- Focused on FDA/EPA approved products for the warfighter (adult indication)
  - Enhance global operational capability
  - Enhance Stability operations
- MRMC organized like a pharmaceutical company
  - Product development oriented organizational structure and processes
  - Decision Gate System integrates best industry business practices
  - Historical success of vaccines/therapeutics
- Core research program embedded in Military labs with uniformed researchers
  - Discipline and mission focus (requirements)
  - Global research platform – Host nation partners
  - Unique OCONUS clinical trial sites

*“Because, if we fail to protect them, who will protect us?”*

*CAPT Meg Ryan*

# Critical Resource in Global Research



**USAMRIID, Fort Detrick**



**WRAIR/NMRC, Silver Spring**



**NMRC-D, Lima**

**2011 MHS Conference**



**NAMRU-3, Cairo**



**AFRIMS, Bangkok**



**USAMRU-K, Nairobi**



**NAMRU-2, Jakarta**



# Other Assets



Accredited Lab Animal Facilities



Pilot Vaccine Production Facility



Biosafety Level 4 Containment



Clinical Trials Units

# HIGH Research Quality

## WEB OF SCIENCE Malaria Vaccine Research



26% of top 100 authors are Army and Navy Investigators

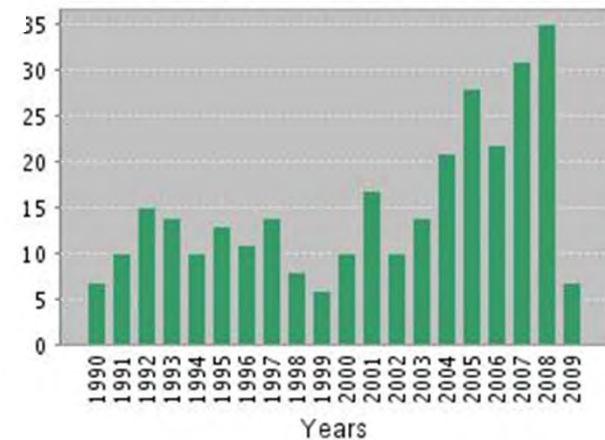
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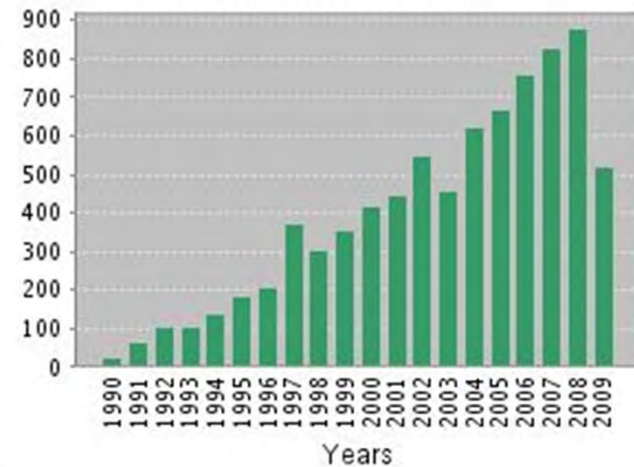
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# Vaccine Development Update



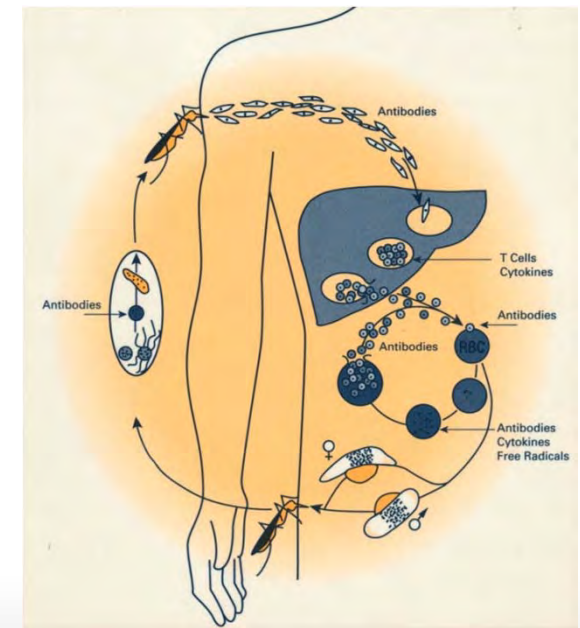
- Malaria
- Dengue
- Bacterial Diarrheal Pathogens
  - ETEC
  - Shigella
  - Campylobacter
- Top 3 Infectious Disease Threats
  - April 2010 ID Threat Prioritization Panel



# A little about Malaria



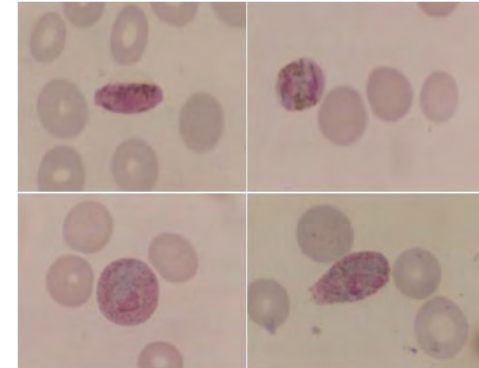
- Four Major Human Species: *Plasmodium falciparum* , *Plasmodium vivax*, *Plasmodium malariae* and *Plasmodium ovale*.
- Sporozoite stage injected in bite of female *Anopheles* mosquito, invades liver, matures/multiplies producing blood stages that invade host erythrocytes to cause disease, further matures and is ingested by another mosquito to complete life cycle.
- Acute febrile illness characterized by periodic fevers occurring every 48-72 hours
  - *Plasmodium falciparum*- severe disease can cause coma and death
  - *Plasmodium vivax* -relapse or recrudesce over months or years
- Illness easily misdiagnosed



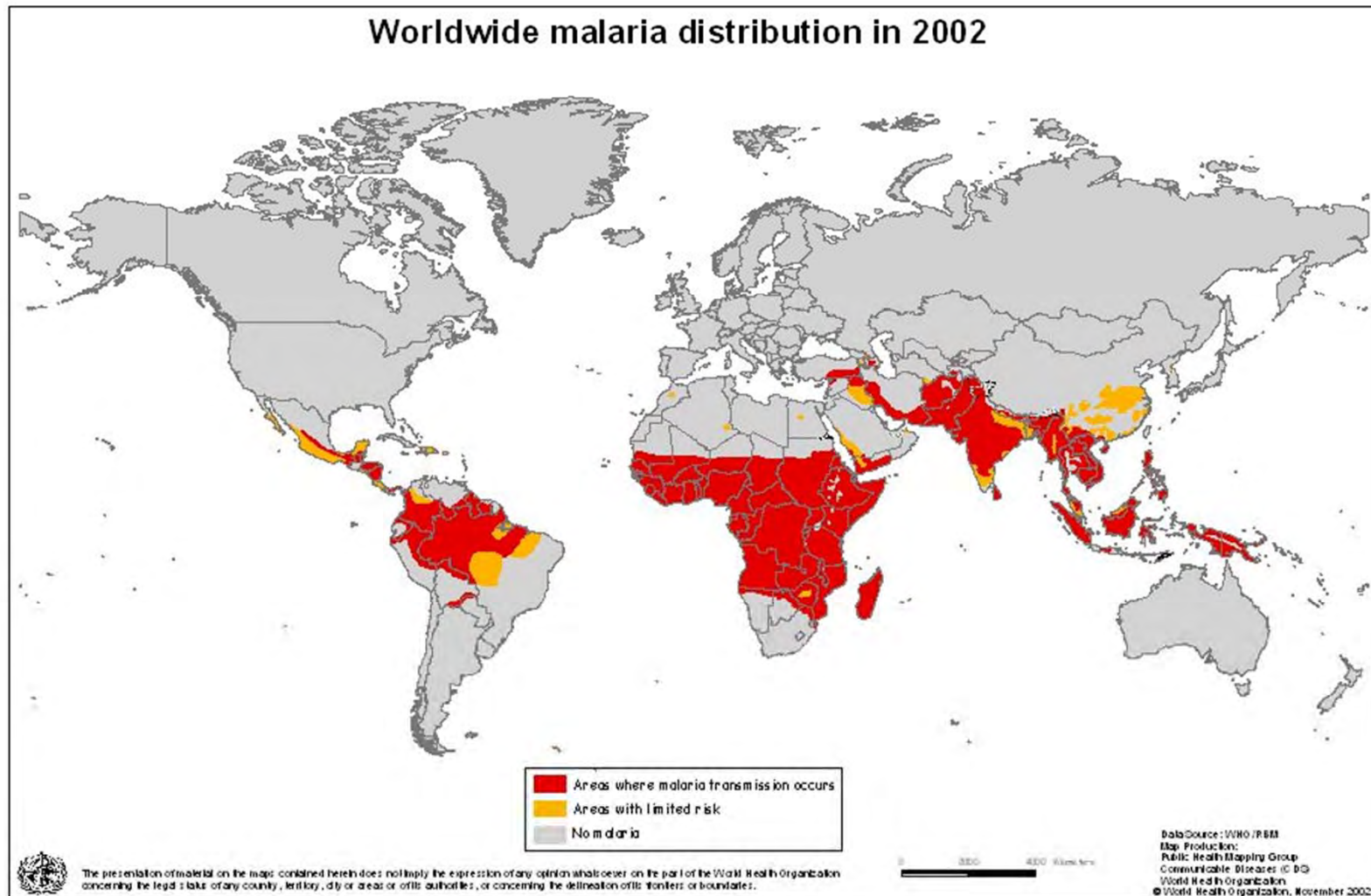
# Burden of Malaria for Endemic Countries



- | **243 million cases**
  - | **85% Africa**
  - | **10% SE Asia**
- | **863,000 deaths**
  - | **89% Africa**
  - | **6% E. Mediterranean**
  - | **5% SE Asia**
- | **Risk groups**
  - | **Infants & young children**
  - | **Pregnant women**
  - | **Travelers**



# Worldwide Malaria Distribution



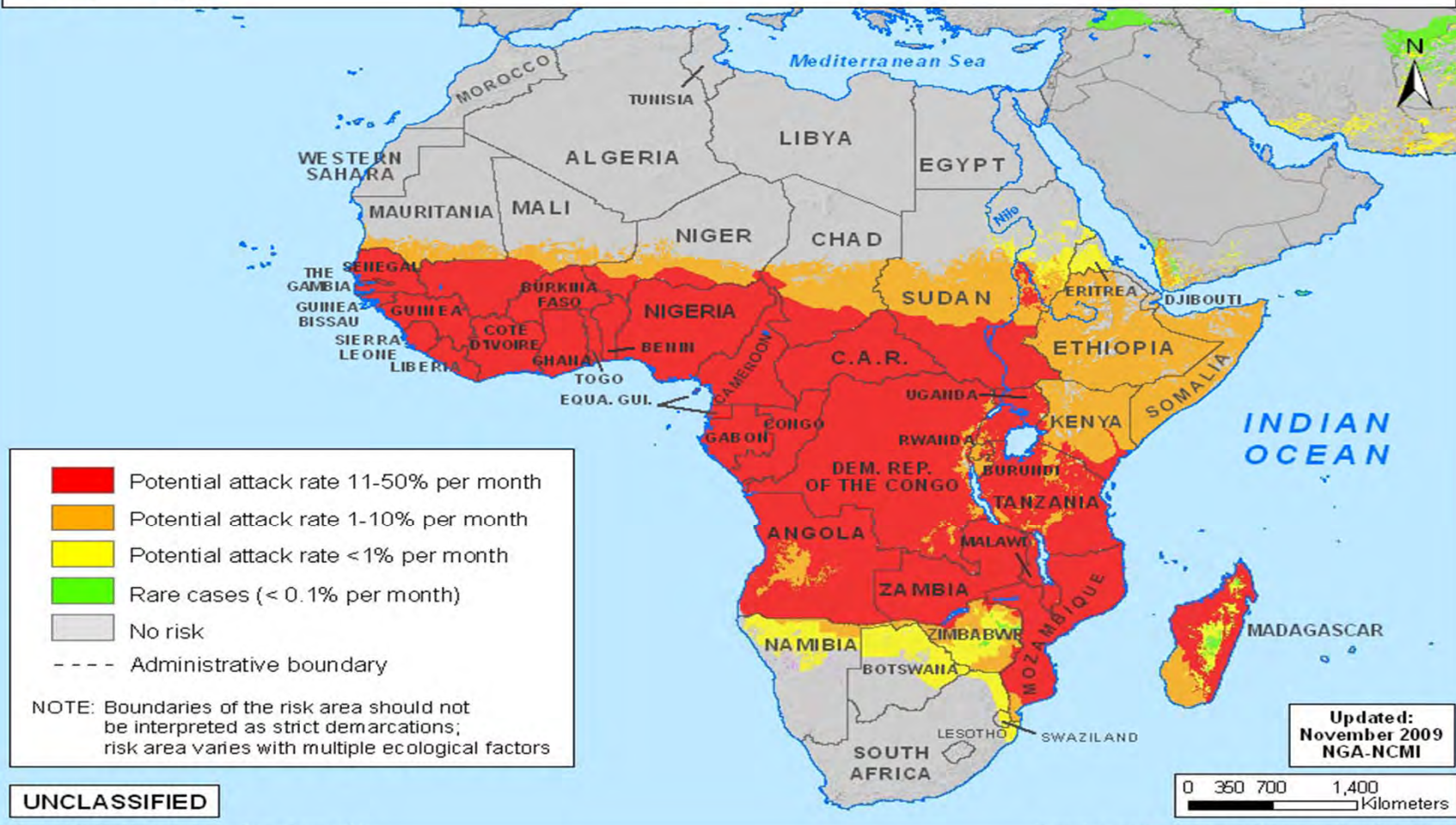


# Malaria Risk Map



## Africa: Malaria Risk to U.S. Forces

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# Malaria Risk Map



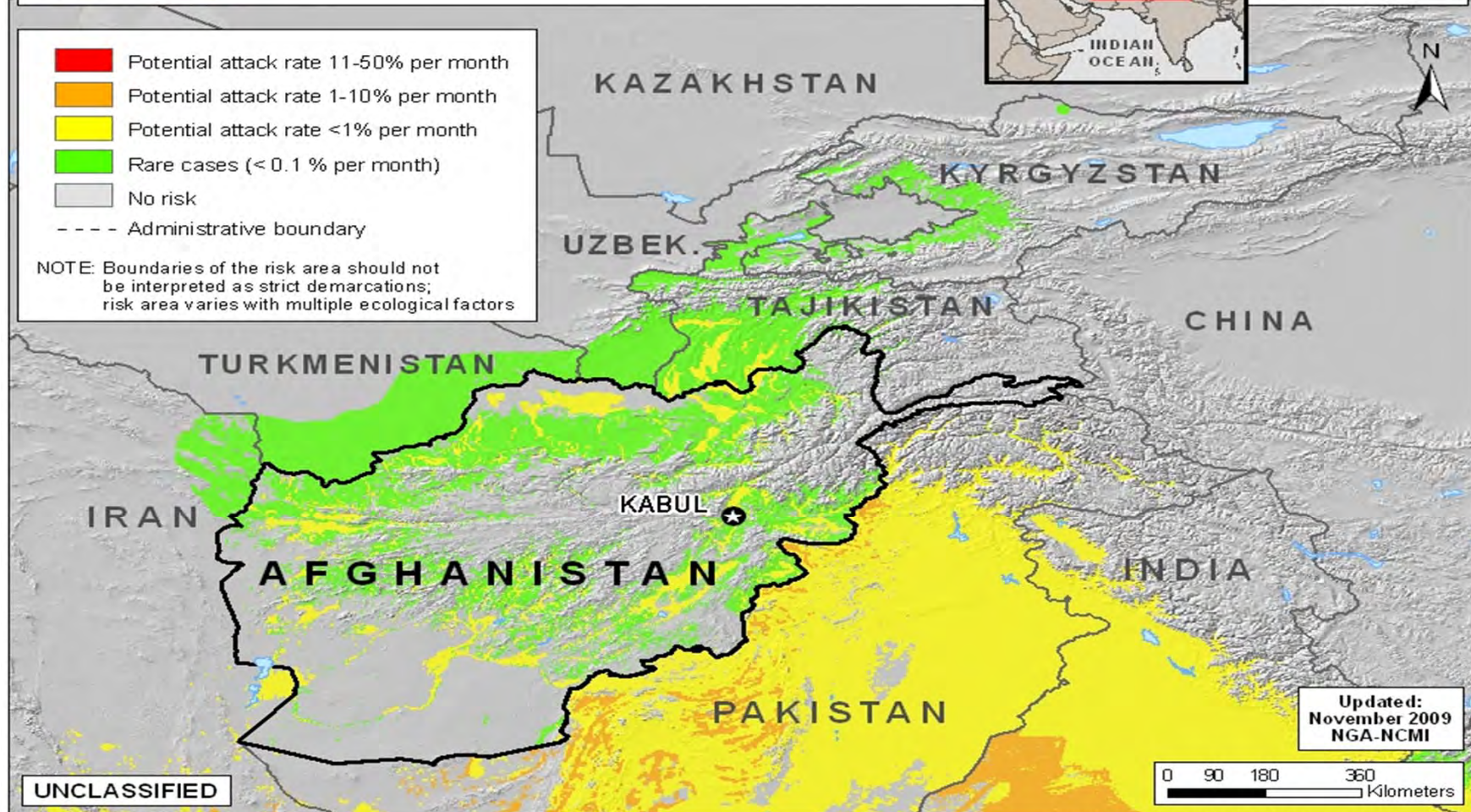
## Afghanistan: Malaria Risk to U.S. Forces



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- Potential attack rate 11-50% per month
- Potential attack rate 1-10% per month
- Potential attack rate <1% per month
- Rare cases (< 0.1 % per month)
- No risk
- Administrative boundary

NOTE: Boundaries of the risk area should not be interpreted as strict demarcations; risk area varies with multiple ecological factors



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Updated:  
November 2009  
NGA-NCMI

Datum: WGS84, Coordinate System: Geographic

Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.

# The Threat:



- Historically the most feared and disabling epidemic disease for deployed forces.
- 80-100% attack rates experienced by US forces in WWII in Guadalcanal and New Guinea.
- Relapsing *Plasmodium vivax* malaria emerged in US forces following Korean war.
- Chloroquine-resistant malaria afflicted US forces during Vietnam war.

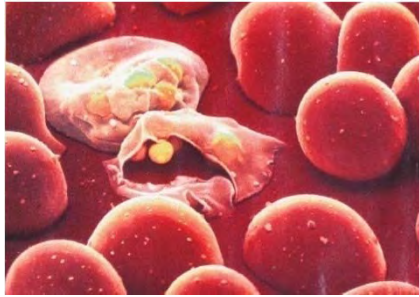


# History of Recent Military Deployments

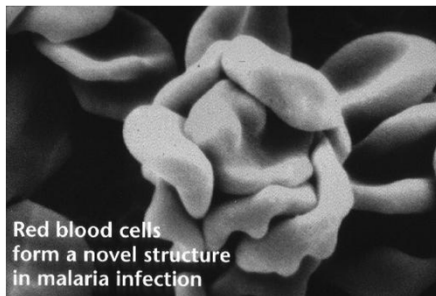


| Country          | Forces  | Outcomes  |
|------------------|---|---|
| Haiti-2010       | US Army/Navy  | 13 Cases<br>6 Evacuations                           |
| Liberia-2003     | US Marines<br>~225 for 2 Weeks                        | 80 Cases<br>44 evacuation<br>4 Severe & Complicated |
| Afghanistan-2002 | US Army Rangers<br>725 man force<br>4 months          | 38 cases  |
| Nigeria-2001     | US Special Forces<br>300 for Short Term<br>Deployment | 7 Cases<br>2 Severe and<br>Complicated<br>1 Death   |

# Naturally Acquired Immunity(model for preventing disease & death)



- No deaths or severe disease after 10 yr age
- > 95% of children < 5 y/o parasitemic
  - Deaths
    - Severe anemia (0-2 y/o)
    - Cerebral malaria (3-5 y/o)
- Decreased incidence, prevalence, and density of infection with age
- Mechanism: Antibodies ? Cellular?
- Antigenic targets: parasite proteins expressed on surface ?



# Approaches to Malaria Vaccine Development



## **Individual antigens delivered as subunit vaccine**

- Hep B SAg, Tet toxoid
- **RTS,S/AS0 (protein-based)**
- **NMRC-M3V-D/Ad-PfCA (gene-based)**

## **Many antigens delivered as whole organism**

- Licensed live vaccines (polio, MMR)
- **Radiation-attenuated sporozoites**
- **Genetically-attenuated sporozoites**

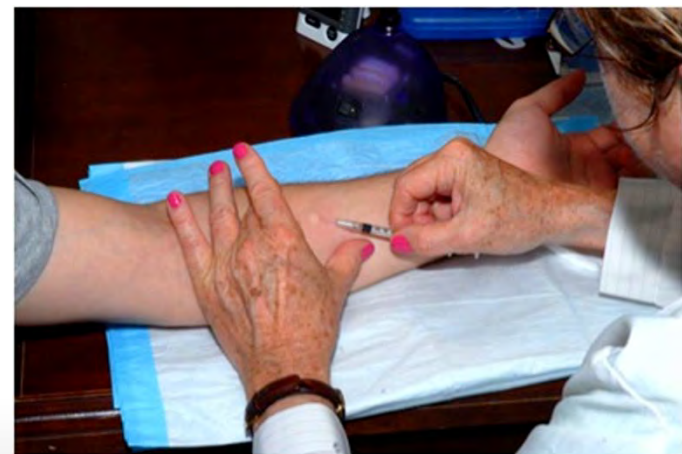
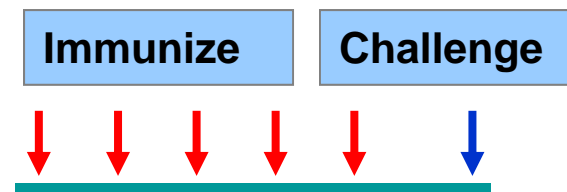


# Whole Organism Approach- Irradiated Sporozoite vaccine



- Irradiated sporozoite vaccine gives greater than 70% sterile protection when administered by mosquito bite in man.
  - Not strain specific, duration at least 9 months
- Process developed to harvest sporozoites from mosquito salivary glands to allow needle delivery
- 2010 Clinical Trial
  - Mosquito Derived Vaccine safe and well tolerated
  - Protection was substantially less than prior study (2/44)
  - Problem likely the dose, route of delivery and/or administration schedule

Sanaria, MVI/Gates Foundation, NIAID and USMMVP.



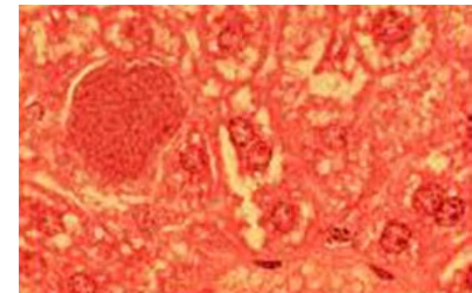
# Whole Organism Approach- Attenuation of Sporozoite via Genetic Knock-out



- Parasite genetically engineered to lack two genes essential for maturation from liver stage to blood stage parasites.



- 2010 Clinical Trial at WRAIR
  - Delivery via infected mosquito bite
  - Breakthrough clinical infections
    - Not sufficiently attenuated



Seattle Biomedical , Gates Foundation, WEHI and USMMVP

# Subunit approach- RTS,S Vaccine



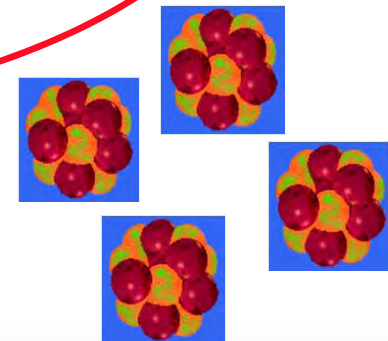
RTS,S is expressed  
In yeast

**PfCSP + Hepatitis B S Ag**

**R**epeats **T** epitopes **S** antigen



RTS,S particles assemble  
during purification





# Subunit approach- RTS,S Vaccine



6/7 subjects receiving  
RTS,S/AS02B were  
completely protected



## A PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF A RECOMBINANT CIRCUMSPOROZOITE PROTEIN VACCINE AGAINST *PLASMODIUM FALCIPARUM* MALARIA

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### ABSTRACT

**Background** The candidate vaccines against malaria are poorly immunogenic and thus have been ineffective in preventing infection. We developed a vaccine based on the circumsporozoite protein of *Plasmodium falciparum* that incorporates adjuvants selected to enhance the immune response.

**Methods** The antigen consists of a hybrid in which the circumsporozoite protein fused to hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) is expressed together with unfused HBsAg. We evaluated three formulations of this antigen in an unblinded trial in 46 subjects who had never been exposed to malaria.

**Results** Two of the vaccine formulations were highly immunogenic. Four subjects had adverse systemic reactions that may have resulted from the intensity of the immune response after the second dose, which led us to reduce the third dose. Twenty-two vaccinated subjects and six unimmunized controls underwent a challenge consisting of bites from mosquitoes infected with *P. falciparum*. Malaria developed in all six control subjects, seven of eight subjects who received vaccine 1, and five of seven subjects who received vaccine 2. In contrast, only one of seven subjects who received vaccine 3 became infected (relative risk of infection, 0.14; 95 percent confidence interval, 0.02 to 0.88;  $P < 0.005$ ).

**Conclusions** A recombinant vaccine based on fusion of the circumsporozoite protein and HBsAg plus a potent adjuvant can protect against experimental challenge with *P. falciparum* sporozoites. After additional studies of protective immunity and the vaccination schedule, field trials are indicated for this new vaccine against *P. falciparum* malaria. (N Engl J Med 1997;336:86-91.)

that inhibit the invasion of hepatocytes by sporozoites and induce cellular responses that kill sporozoite-infected liver cells.<sup>2</sup> Complete immunity against infection rarely develops from natural exposure, but immunization with radiation-attenuated sporozoites affords full protection.<sup>3</sup> This vaccine strategy is not practical, since it requires repeated exposure to hundreds of infected, irradiated mosquitoes over a period of 6 to 10 months, and sporozoites cannot be cultured in vitro. Nonetheless, these findings revealed a critical role for the circumsporozoite protein in the development of immunity against sporozoite challenge and led to its development as a candidate vaccine.<sup>4,5</sup> In clinical trials, however, the circumsporozoite protein is poorly immunogenic, and few subjects have been protected.<sup>6</sup> To address these issues, we created a hybrid in which the circumsporozoite protein fused to hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) was expressed together with unfused HBsAg. The resulting hybrid was significantly more potent than previous circumsporozoite-protein formulations.<sup>7</sup> We hypothesized that more potent adjuvants could improve the efficacy of the vaccine. We therefore conducted a clinical trial to determine the safety and efficacy of three formulations of circumsporozoite-protein vaccines against *P. falciparum*.

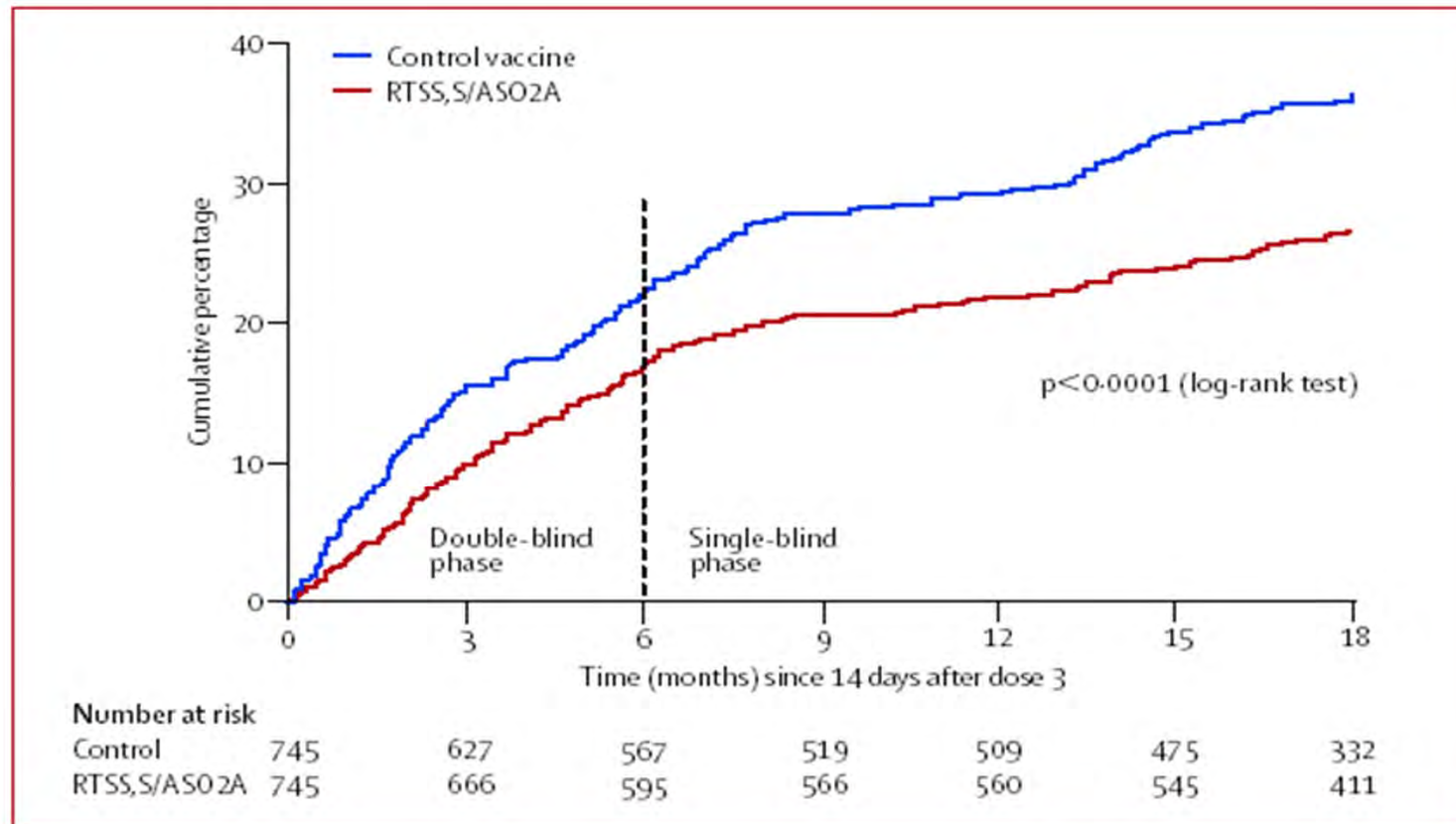
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#### Subjects

Forty-six subjects who had not been exposed to malaria (age, 18 to 45 years) were recruited by noncoercive means under a protocol approved by an institutional review board. Potential risks associated with participation in the study, including those associ-

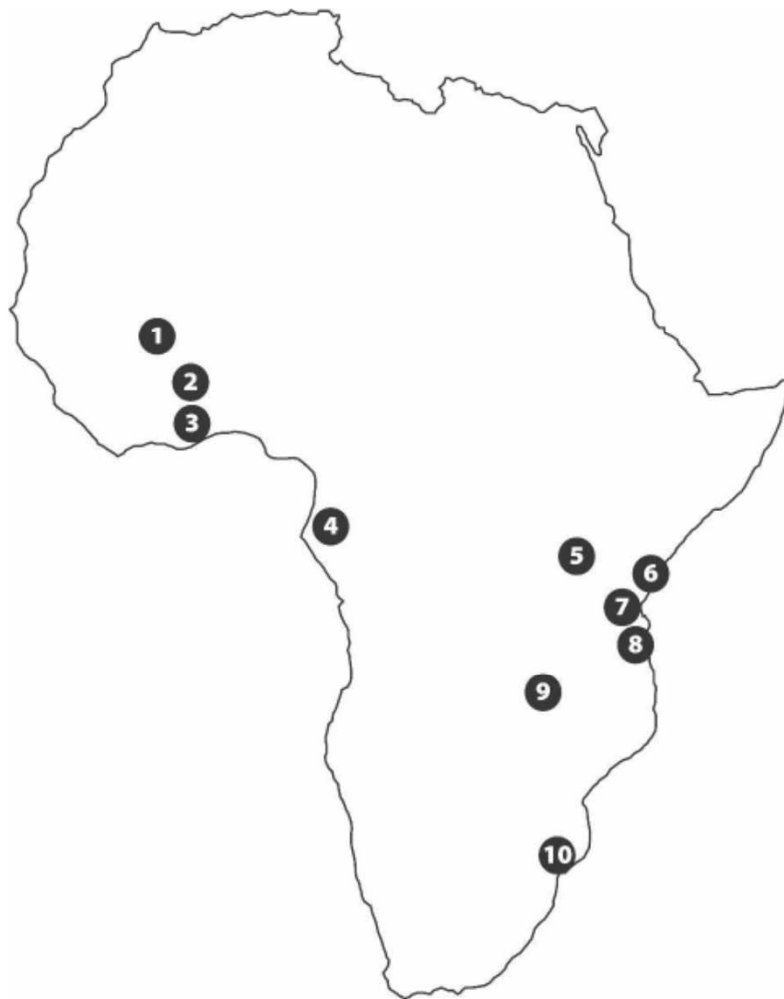
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# RTS,S Protects 1-4 yo Children in Mozambique



Alonso, Lancet 2005:      Efficacy against clinical malaria 30% (CI: 8-45%)  
                                     Efficacy against severe malaria 49% (CI: 12-71%)

# Subunit approach- RTS,S Vaccine



## Sites across Africa where RTS,S is being tested in Phase 3

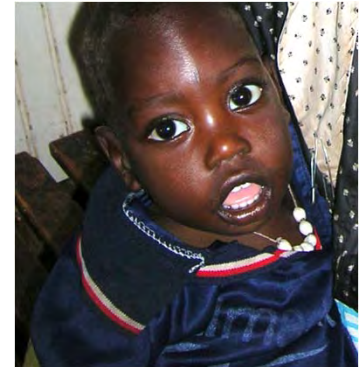
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# Subunit approach- RTS,S Vaccine



- Licensure anticipated in ~2015 in Europe
  - Expected to be available in high endemic settings as a pediatric vaccine
  - Anticipate significant public health impact
  - Funded by MVI/Gates Foundation, EU, USAID and GSK with USMMVP support
- Efficacy insufficient for travelers' (thus military) vaccine
- Current studies in planning to improve efficacy through combination with other immunogen in a heterologous prime-boost approach



# Subunit approach- DNA Prime/Ad Boost



- DNA plasmids [Prime]
  - Encoding malaria proteins CSP and AMA1
- Adenovirus 5 (attenuated)[Boost]
  - Encoding malaria proteins CSP and AMA1

*Uses host cell  
machinery to  
produce the  
malaria proteins*

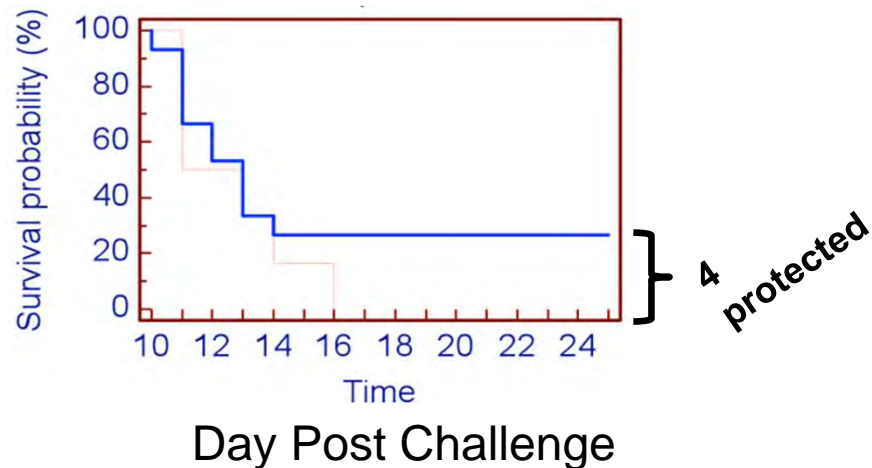
- Schedule of administration
  - 3x DNA
  - 1x Ad5
- Elicits strong cellular immunity (CD8>CD4)

# Subunit approach- DNA Prime/Ad Boost



## ■ Clinical Results 2010- Proof of Principle

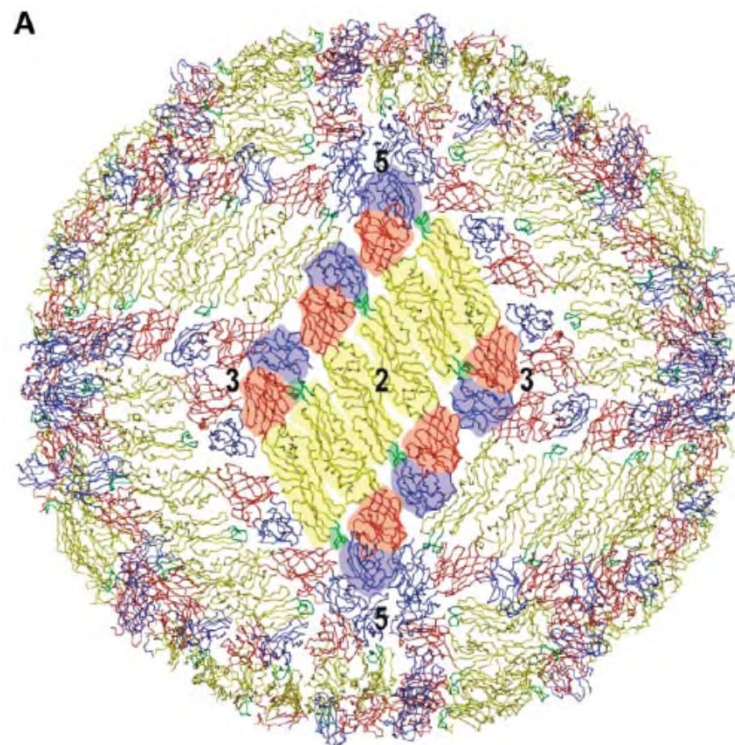
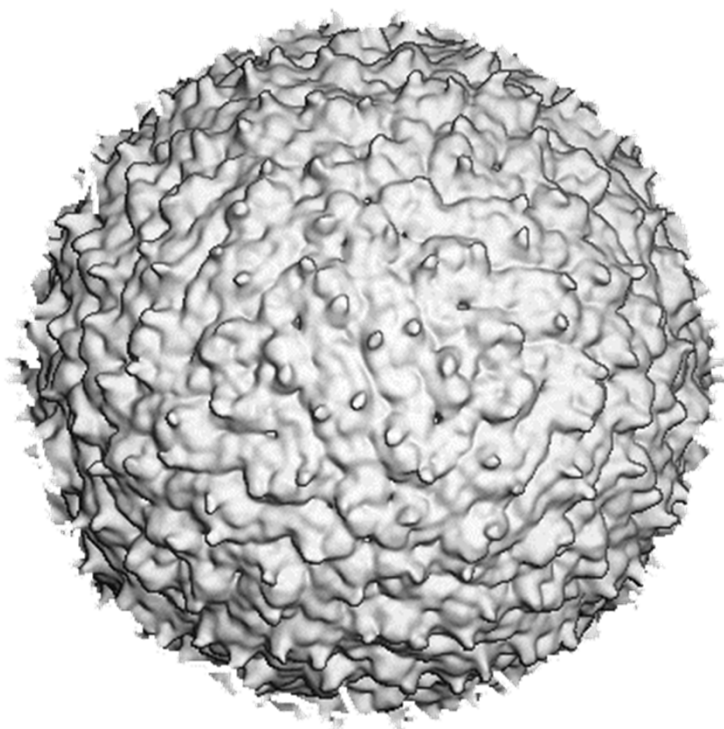
- 4/15 immunized volunteers sterilely protected (27%)



- Major challenges to overcome to make this a viable product:
  - Improve protection
  - Require new Adenovirus-Malaria antigen construct
  - Regulatory requirements
  - Business complexity



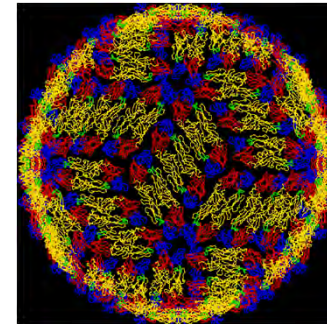
# Dengue Vaccines



# Dengue Background



- Dengue viruses
  - Single-stranded RNA viruses
  - 4 *antigenically distinct serotypes*
    - (*DENV-1, -2, -3 and -4*)
- Transmission primarily by peridomestic mosquito species *Aedes aegypti*
  - Daytime feeding
  - Domestic/Peridomestic habits
    - Breeds in freshwater containers
    - Thrives in urban environment



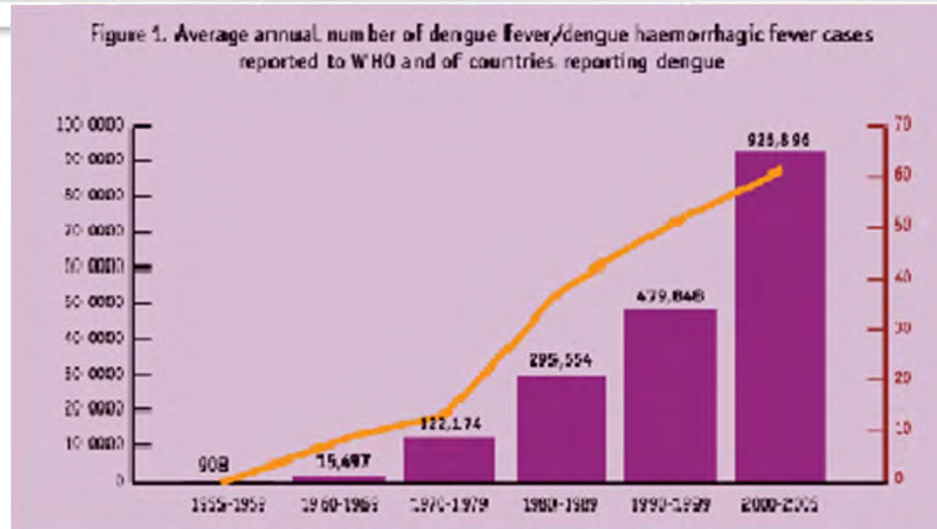


# Dengue: Epidemiology

- Leading vector-borne viral disease globally
  - 2.5 billion people at risk for infection
  - Transmission in ~120 countries
    - Tropics and sub-tropics
    - *Humans are the reservoir*
  - 50 to 100 million infections annually
    - Undifferentiated Fever
    - Dengue Fever
    - Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF)/ Dengue Shock Syndrome (DSS) *secondary infections*
  - Up to 25,000 deaths annually



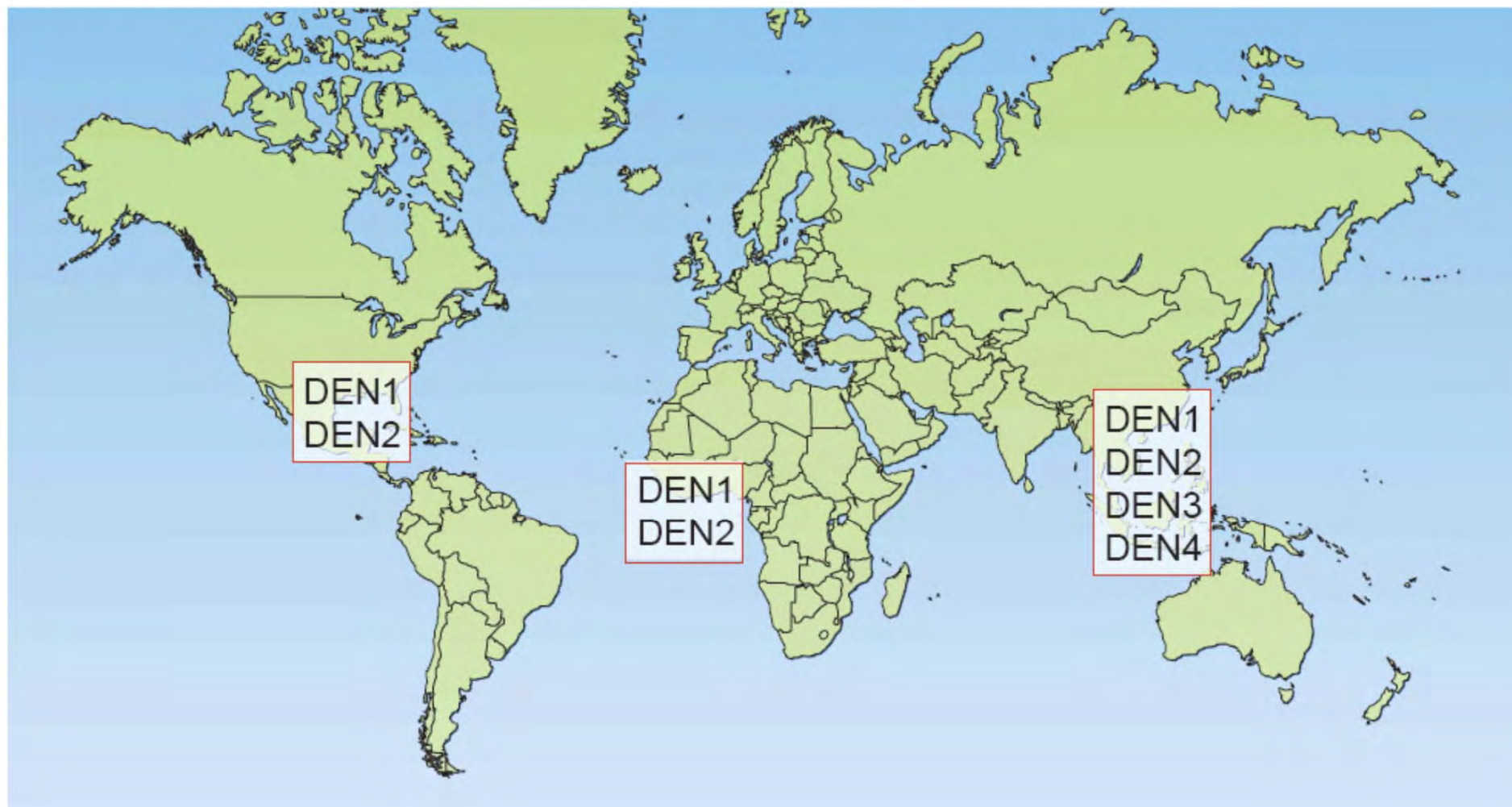
# Global Resurgence of Dengue



- Unprecedented global population growth
- Unplanned and uncontrolled urbanization
- Numerous man-made breeding grounds (trash)
- Lack of effective mosquito vector control
- Decay in public health infrastructure
- Increased international air travel



## Global distribution of dengue virus serotypes, 1970

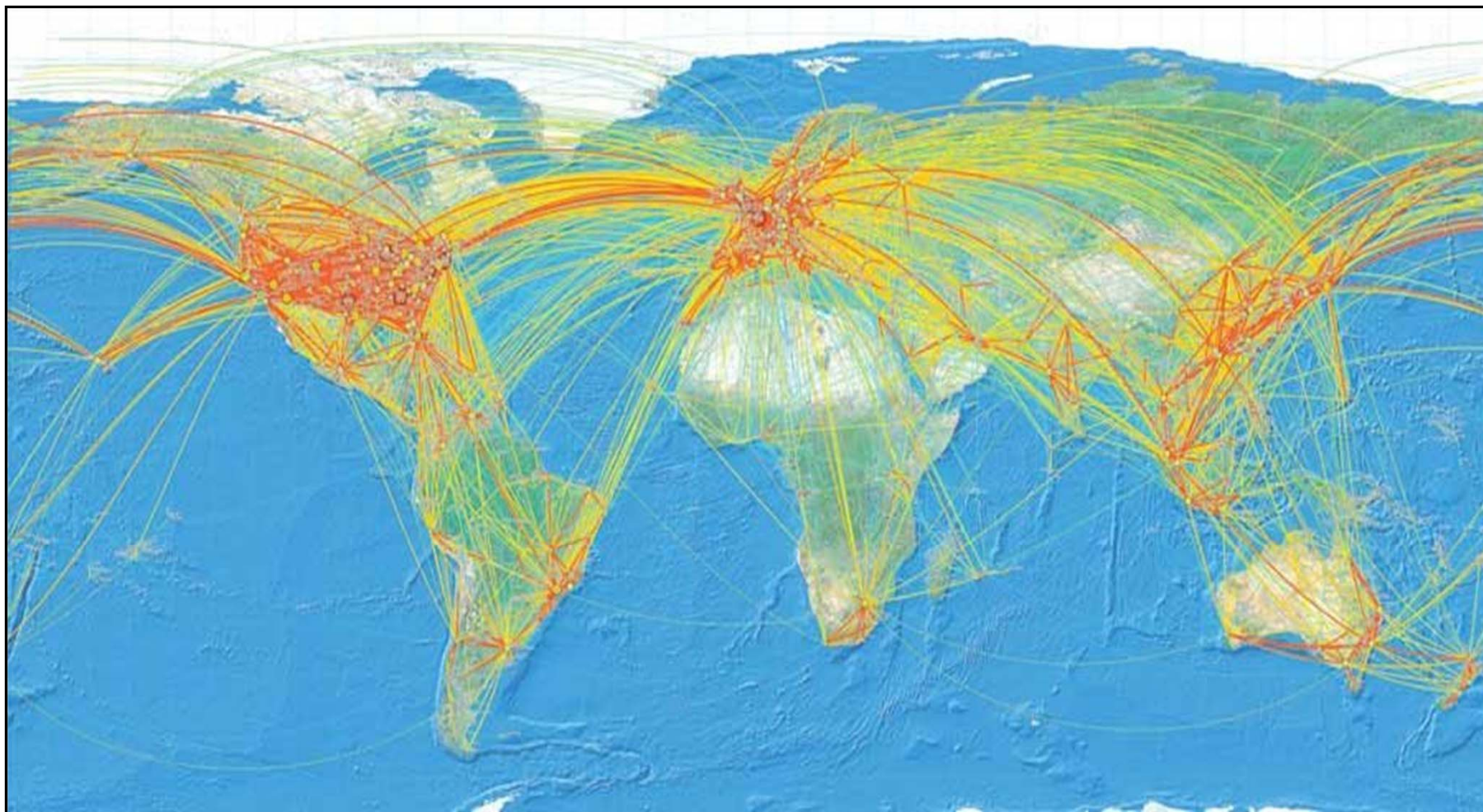


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# Air Traffic Global Flight Patterns

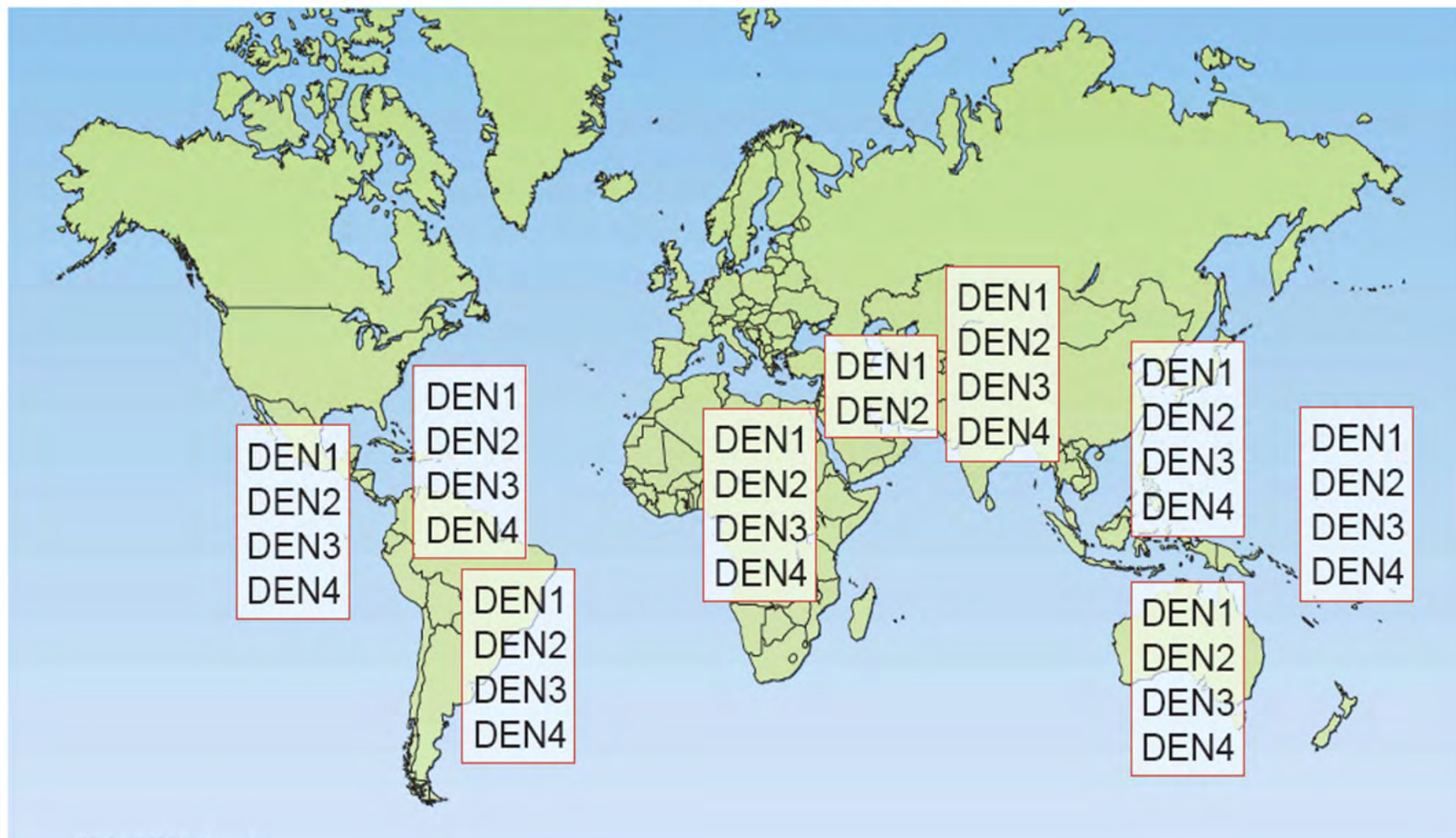


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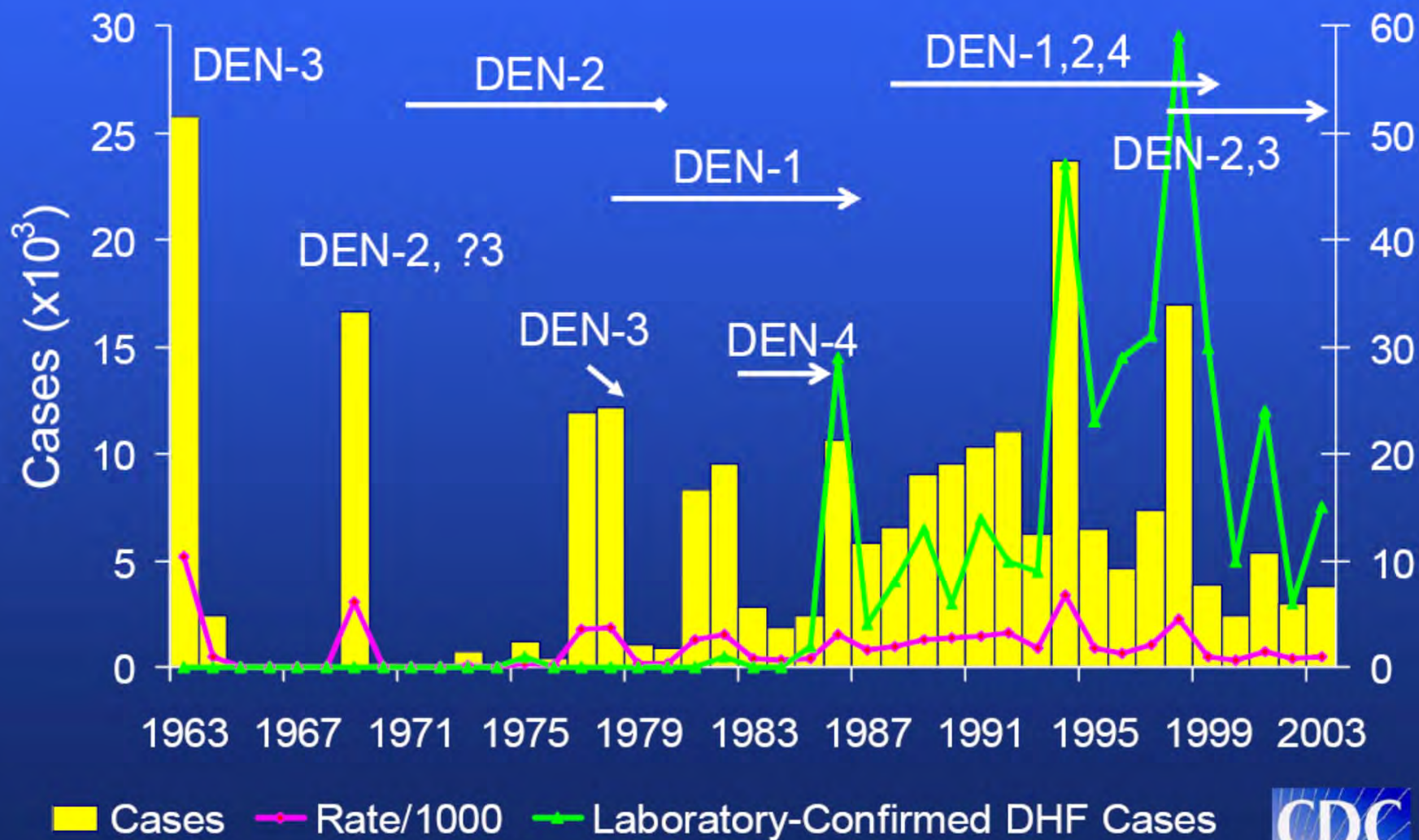


## Global distribution of dengue virus serotypes, 2004





# Dengue in Puerto Rico: 1963-2003





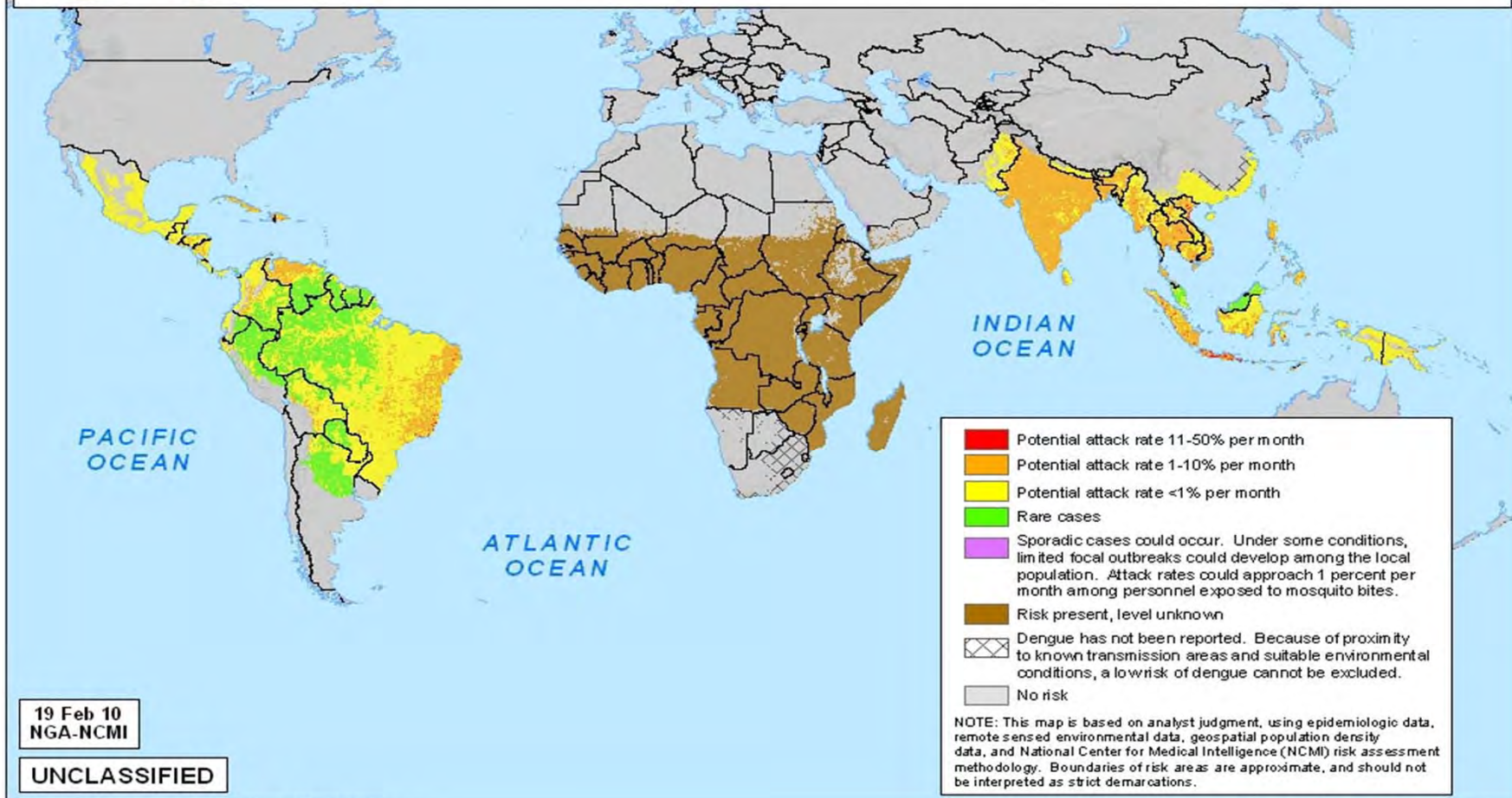
# Dengue Risk



## Worldwide: Dengue Risk to U.S. Forces

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# Dengue Impact on the U.S. Military



- Philippines
- World War II
- Vietnam
- Philippines
- Haiti
- Somalia



# Fort McKinley, Philippines

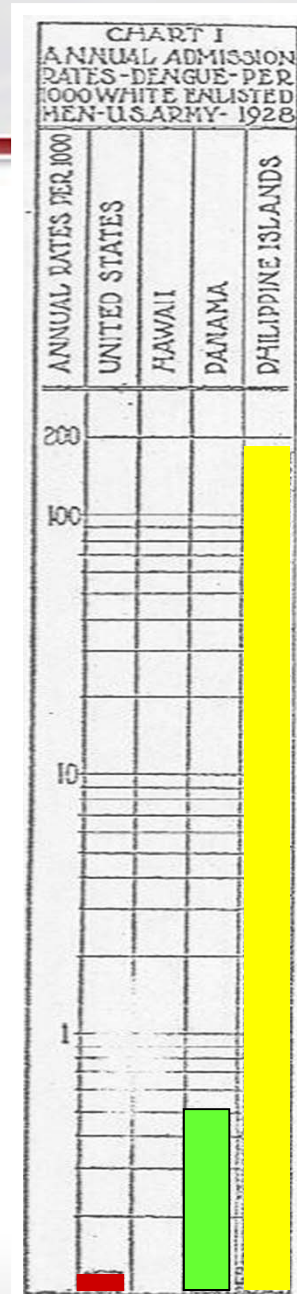
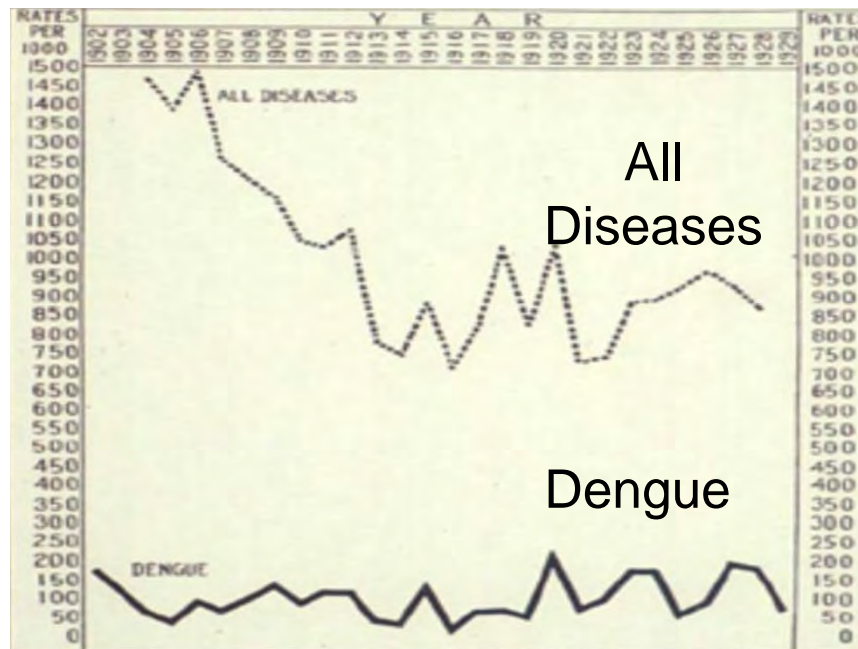


Dengue Outbreak: July – November 1906  
~1/3 of troops infected

| Unit                           | Strength    | No. Cases  | % Infected |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry | 727         | 240        | 33         |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry | 613         | 162        | 26         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry   | 378         | 89         | 24         |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>1718</b> | <b>491</b> | <b>29</b>  |

# Philippine Islands: 1902-1928

- Hospital admission rates
  - Decreases for all diseases
  - Consistent for dengue
- Average loss to Army of 7,715 days per year





# Daily Reported Cases During the Saipan Dengue Epidemic, Sep - Oct 1944



- Dengue appears after 15 June island assault
- By 11 Aug, *Aedes* species numerous (rainy season)
- Combat operations created numerous breeding habitats (trash, tire ruts in roads...)

TABLE 12.—Daily report of new cases<sup>1</sup> of dengue at height of the epidemic in Saipan, 14 September to 6 October 1944

| Date              | Number | Date                  | Number |
|-------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| <i>1944</i>       |        | <i>1944—Continued</i> |        |
| September 14..... | 393    | September 26.....     | 62     |
| 15.....           | 426    | 27.....               | 87     |
| 16.....           | 294    | 28.....               | 79     |
| 17.....           | 306    | 29.....               | 71     |
| 18.....           | 289    | 30.....               | 44     |
| 19.....           | 275    | October 1.....        | 36     |
| 20.....           | 230    | 2.....                | 33     |
| 21.....           | 137    | 3.....                | 27     |
| 22.....           | 137    | 4.....                | 28     |
| 23.....           | 112    | 5.....                | 32     |
| 24.....           | 93     | 6.....                | 23     |
| 25.....           | 81     |                       |        |

<sup>1</sup> Cases include Army, Navy, and Marine Corps personnel.

# Recent Experience



- 1966 - Long Binh, Vietnam
  - 110 Cases of FUO at 93<sup>rd</sup> Evacuation Hospital
  - **28%** were determined to be dengue by viral isolation or serology
- 1992 - Operation Restore Hope, Somalia
  - 129 hospitalized with FUO
  - **60%** were determined to be dengue by viral isolation or serology
- 1997 - Haiti
  - 103 hospitalized with FUO
  - **29%** were determined to be dengue by viral isolation or serology

# Dengue



- Currently no U.S. FDA approved vaccine or pharmaceutical to protect or treat the Warfighter
- Current standard of care:
  - Supportive care
    - Careful fluid management and other supportive measures (10-14 LDD per episode)
  - Prevention
    - Effective vector control proven very difficult (requires sustained usage of products)
    - Personal Protective Measures (PPM) (repellents, bed nets, treated uniforms) difficult to sustain





# Dengue and the US Military

- Mission-stopping disease threat to U.S. forces deployed throughout the tropics/sub-tropics
- #2 on US Military Infectious Disease Threat list

# Target Product Profile



- Safety
  - Well tolerated injection
  - Does not cause dengue
  - Does not > risk of disease severe disease with secondary infection
- Efficacy
  - Vaccine Efficacy  $\geq 80\%$
  - Durable immune response (>2 years)
  - 1-3 doses



# Challenges in Dengue Vaccine Development

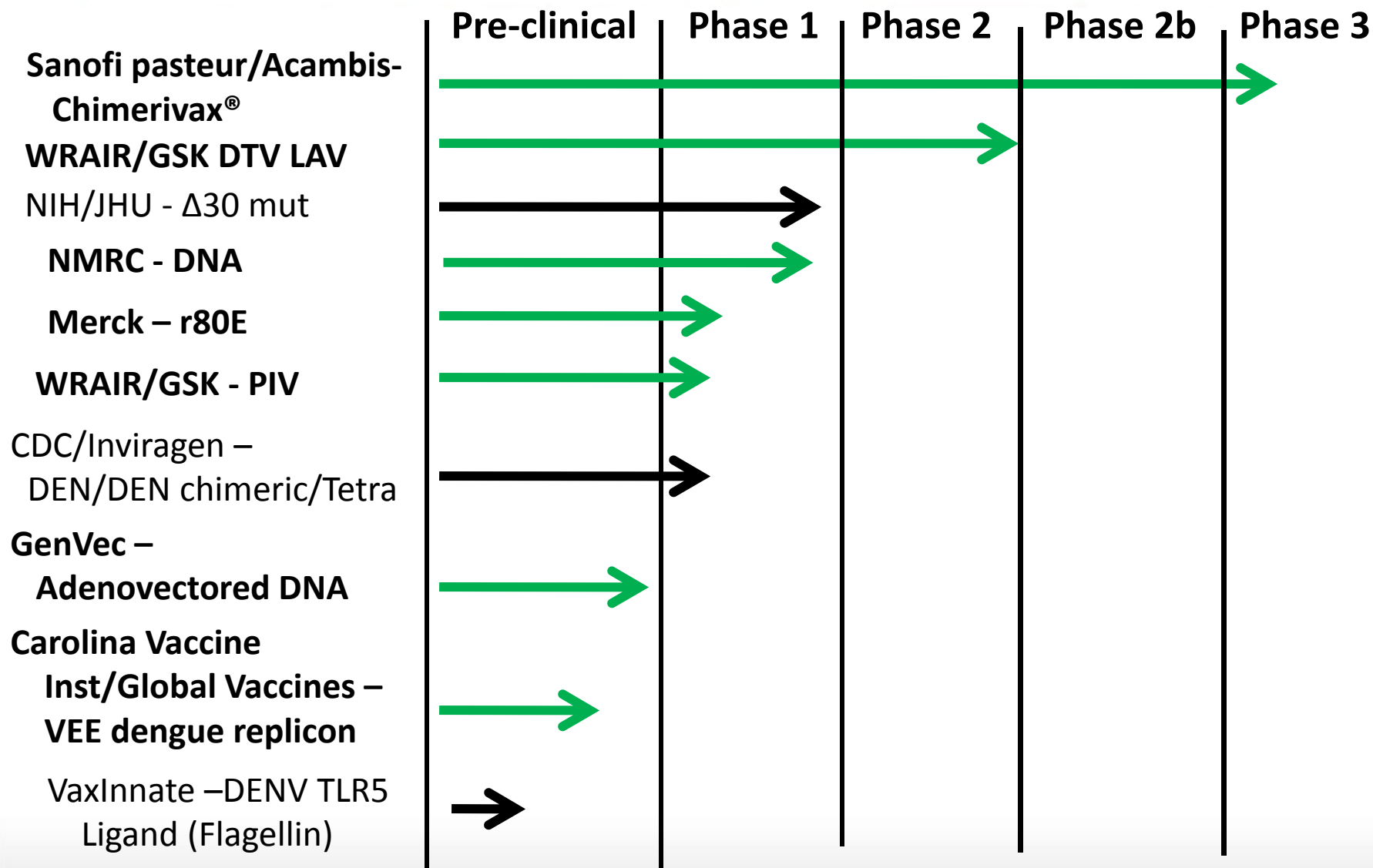


- Multiple (4) serotypes (4 vaccines in one)
  - Each capable of producing DF and DHF
  - Disease enhancement: Risk of DHF enhanced by pre-existing immune response to another serotype
- Lack of an animal model of disease
- Unknown Surrogate marker of protection
- Incomplete understanding of pathophysiology





# Dengue Vaccine Landscape



# Tetravalent Dengue Virus (TDV) Vaccine – Landscape



## – Chimerivax®

- Chimeric of yellow fever vaccine backbone with Dengue membrane proteins
- Safe, well tolerated and immunogenic in clinical studies
- Dosing schedule: 0, 6, 12-month
- Starting Phase 3 clinical trials FY11
  - AFRIMS
    - » Thailand, Philippines
- Uncertain whether dosing schedule or level of efficacy will meet DoD needs

# Virology Field Site Kamphaeng Phet Province



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## Pivotal Trials Conducted by MRMC/Thai MoPH

Japanese encephalitis  
Virus (JE-VAX®) 1980's  
-Biken

Hepatitis A Vaccine  
(Havrix) 1990's  
-GSK

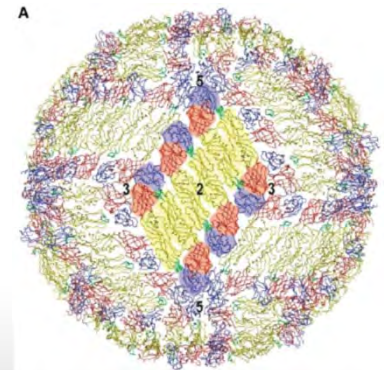
Dengue vaccine  
(Chimerivax) (2011)  
-Sanofi Pasteur



# Tetravalent Dengue Virus (TDV) Vaccine - Landscape



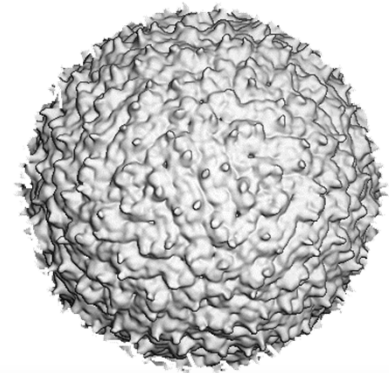
- Live attenuated vaccine (LAV)
  - Viruses (classically) attenuated through serial passage in non-human cell line
  - Tetravalent formulation required balancing
  - 2 doses : 0, 6 months
  - 100% protection in animal models
  - Safe and immunogenic in human trials
    - Phase 2 study Puerto Rico
      - » 700 subjects
      - » 2-50y
      - » Safe and immunogenic
    - Phase 3



# Tetravalent Dengue Virus (TDV) Vaccine - Landscape



- Purified inactivated virus (PIV)
  - Formalin inactivated, purified virus
  - Combined with adjuvants
    - Alum adjuvant
    - Novel adjuvants ( GSK)
  - 100% protection in animal models
  - Shorter administration schedule
  - Phase 1 clinical trials begin in FY11

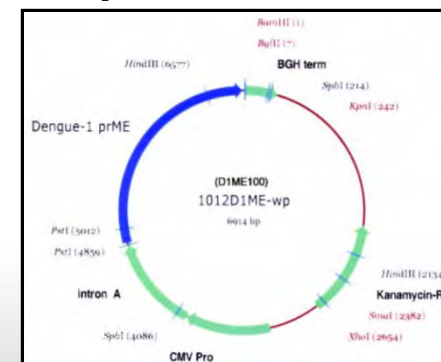


# Tetravalent Dengue Virus (TDV) Vaccine - Landscape



## – DNA Vaccine

- DENV DNA vaccine – closed circular double-stranded plasmid DNA
- Full length genes encoding membrane proteins for DENV
- Initial Phase 1 clinical study with DENV-1 DNA vaccine safe and immunogenic
- TDV DNA Phase 1 clinical trial planned in 2011/12





# Tetravalent Dengue Virus (TDV) Vaccine – Landscape



- Heterologous Prime Boost Strategy
  - Assess sequentially delivered combinations of different immunogens
    - Increase and broaden immune response
    - Shorten time to development of protective response
  - Live attenuated (replicating) immunogen combined with non-replicating
    - PIV
    - DNA
  - More complex business development
  - More complex logistics
  - Suitable for DoD

# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery



- Prevention of Diarrheal Diseases
  - Develop effective vaccines and other counter-measures against leading causes of infectious diarrhea and dysentery in deployed U.S. military personnel
  - Major research and development thrusts
    - Enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (ETEC) vaccines
    - *Shigella* vaccines
    - *Campylobacter jejuni* vaccines

# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - Burden



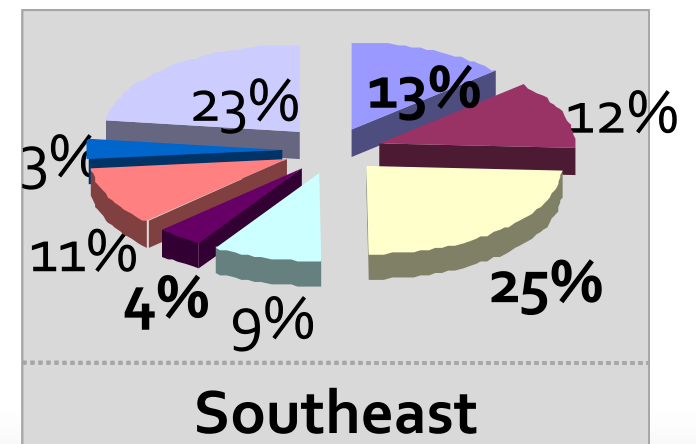
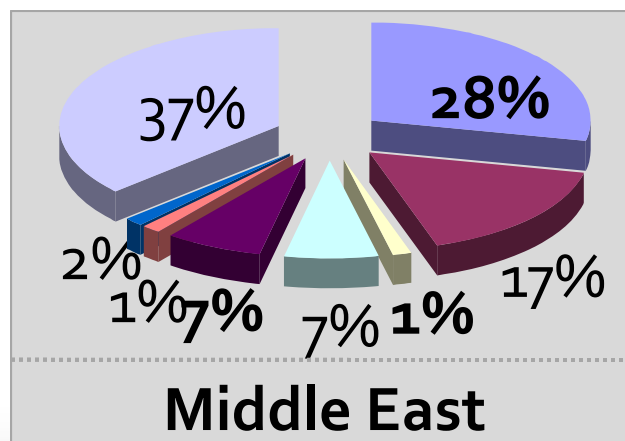
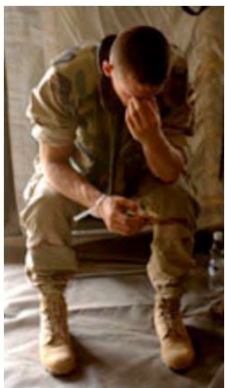
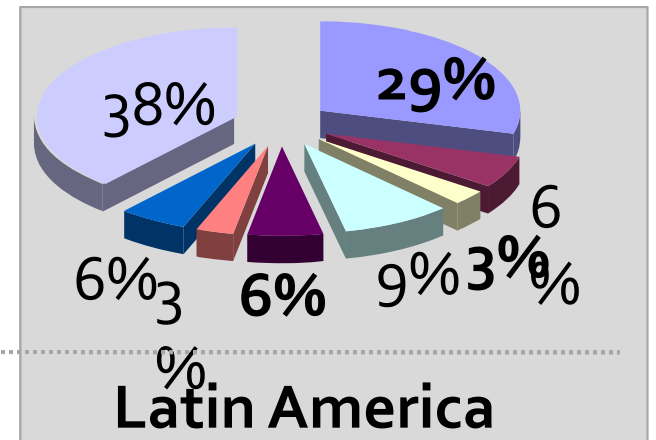
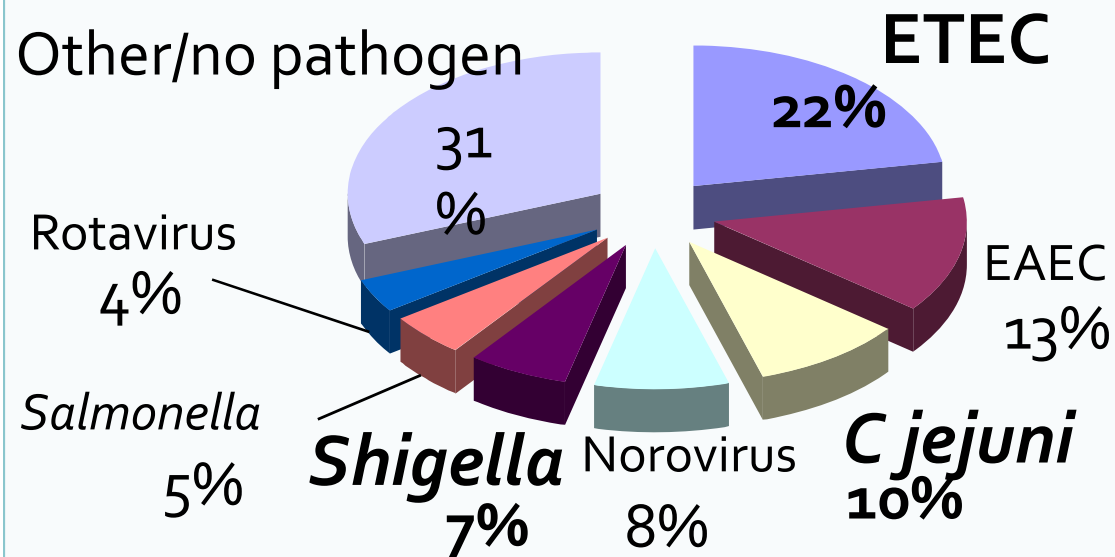
## ■ Cumulative deployments and diarrhea/dysentery burden OEF/OIF '01-'07

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| – # of deployments (mean 183 d) | 2,134,578  |
| – # of deployments (mean 19 d)  | 145,871    |
| – Cases of diarrhea             | 3,857,002  |
| – Diarrhea days                 | 11,478,270 |
| – Visits to medical             | 850,444    |
| – Hospitalizations              | 17,356     |
| – Duty days lost                | 1,114,208  |

- Data provided by AFHSC; Riddle et al Vaccine, 2008



# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - Prevalence



# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery



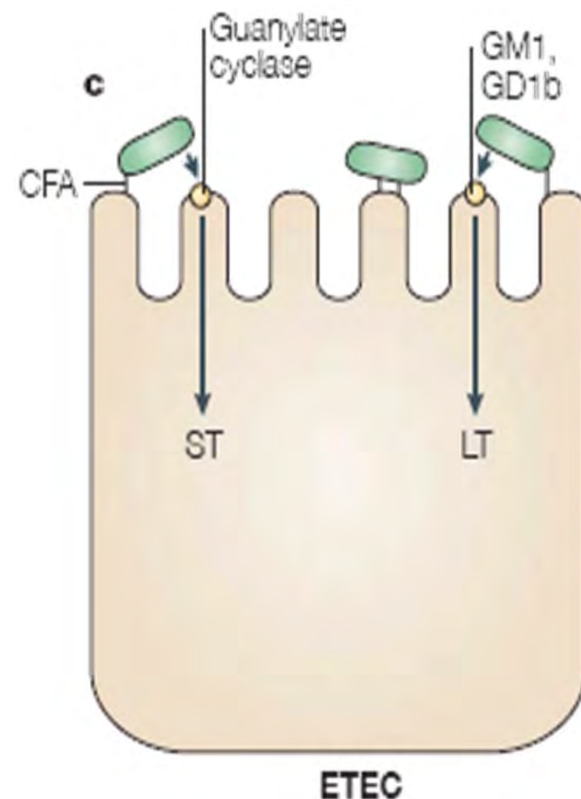
|          | Developer        | Type                           | Clinical Phase I | Clinical Phase II | Clinical Phase III | Comments  |
|----------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| Campy    | ACE Bioscience   | Subunit (ACE393)               |                  |                   |                    | Failed to show protection   |
|          | Intercell USA    | LT, TCI (skin patch)           |                  |                   |                    | Failed to show protection   |
| ETEC     | TD Vaccines      | LA (ACE527)                    |                  |                   |                    | Failed to show protection   |
|          | NICHD            | PS conjugate                   |                  |                   |                    | <i>S sonnei</i> vaccine efficacious (Cohen '97); No pharm partner |
| Shigella | Glycovaxyn       | Bioconjugate, <i>Sd1</i>       |                  |                   |                    | FIH Trial started Feb 2010  |
|          | Institut Pasteur | LA (SC599), <i>Sd1</i>         |                  |                   |                    | Safe, modest immunogenicity                                       |
|          | Univ MD CVD      | LA (CVD1208S), <i>Sf2a</i>     |                  |                   |                    | Currently on FDA clinical hold                                    |
|          | PATH/EVI         | Killed whole cell, <i>Sf2a</i> |                  |                   |                    | Phase 1 trial projected to start in FY11 under EVI                |

# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - ETEC



- At risk populations
  - Military / Civilian travelers
    - Leading cause of travelers' diarrhea
  - Endemically exposed individuals
    - 500K deaths annually in young children
  - Major disease in young farm animals (calves, piglets)
    - Characterized by different colonization factors

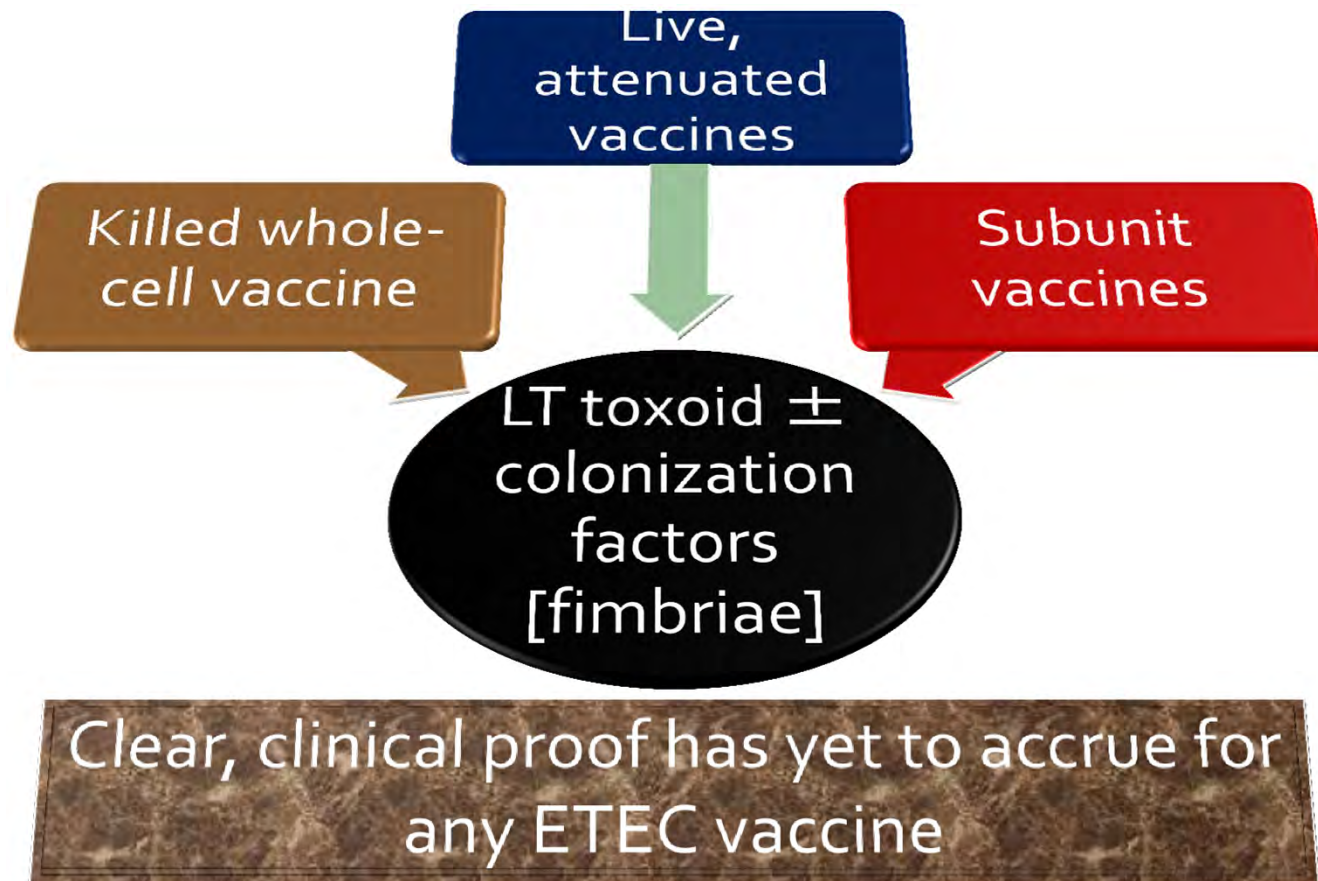
## Pathogenesis



\*from JB Kaper et al *Nature Rev Microbiol* 2004;2:123.



# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - ETEC



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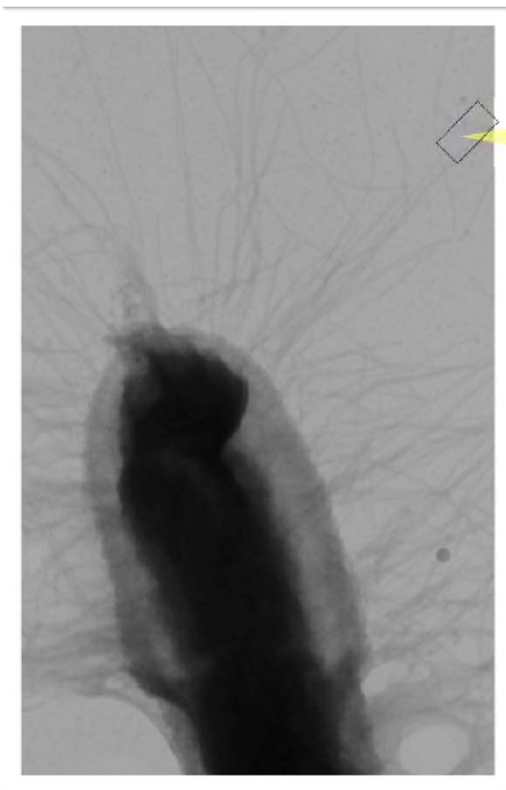
- Adhesin-based vaccine
  - Tip-localized adhesin ascribed role in intestinal binding
  - Adhesins exhibit greater antigenic conservation than major pilus-forming subunit
  - Recombinant adhesin variants developed, which are
    - Stabilized in native conformation
    - Highly immunogenic when given by mucosal and skin vaccination with adjuvant
    - Prototype adhesin (dscCfaE) proven as protective antigen



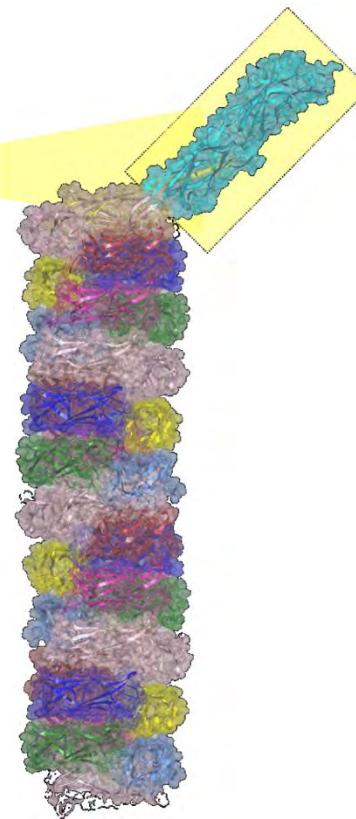
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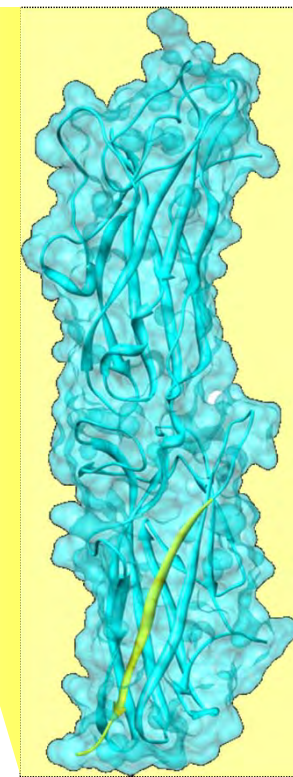
- ETEC:



Whole-cell ETEC



CFA/I Fimbria



dscCfaE Adhesin



# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - ETEC



- NHP Model: Proof of efficacy for ETEC adhesin-based vaccine
  - Nonhuman primate ETEC diarrhea model established in *A. nancymae* that mimics human disease
    - Challenge models established with CFA/-ETEC type strain
    - Intranasal vaccination with dscCfaE alone or with LTB (CTB) elicits significant protection
    - Result: 83% protective efficacy using dscCfaE with LTB



# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery – ETEC



- Oral, passive protection with bovine milk IgG
  - Vaccinate pregnant cows with dscCfaE to get hyperimmune colostrum
  - Isolate hyperimmune bovine IgG (BIgG)
  - Two days before challenge take 3 oral doses/day BIgG at meals
  - Challenge with ETEC (homologous strain  $1 \times 10^9$  cfu)
  - 10 human subjects, ----7 fully protected, 2 with mild diarrhea, 1 with moderate diarrhea, 0 with severe
  - 11 placebo subjects, ---- 9 with diarrhea, (6 severe, 1 moderate, 2 mild)



# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - ETEC



- A first-in-human Phase 1 clinical trial of the prototype ETEC adhesin (dscCfaE)
  - scheduled to begin in 2011,
    - active, skin patch vaccination
    - Challenge
- The adhesin-based vaccine IP has been licensed to sanofi pasteur (sp) vaccines
  - expanded preclinical evaluation of the components of a pentavalent adhesin-based ETEC vaccine
- US Army, NMRC, sanofi pasteur, PATH (nonprofit)

**sanofi pasteur**  
The vaccines division of sanofi-aventis Group

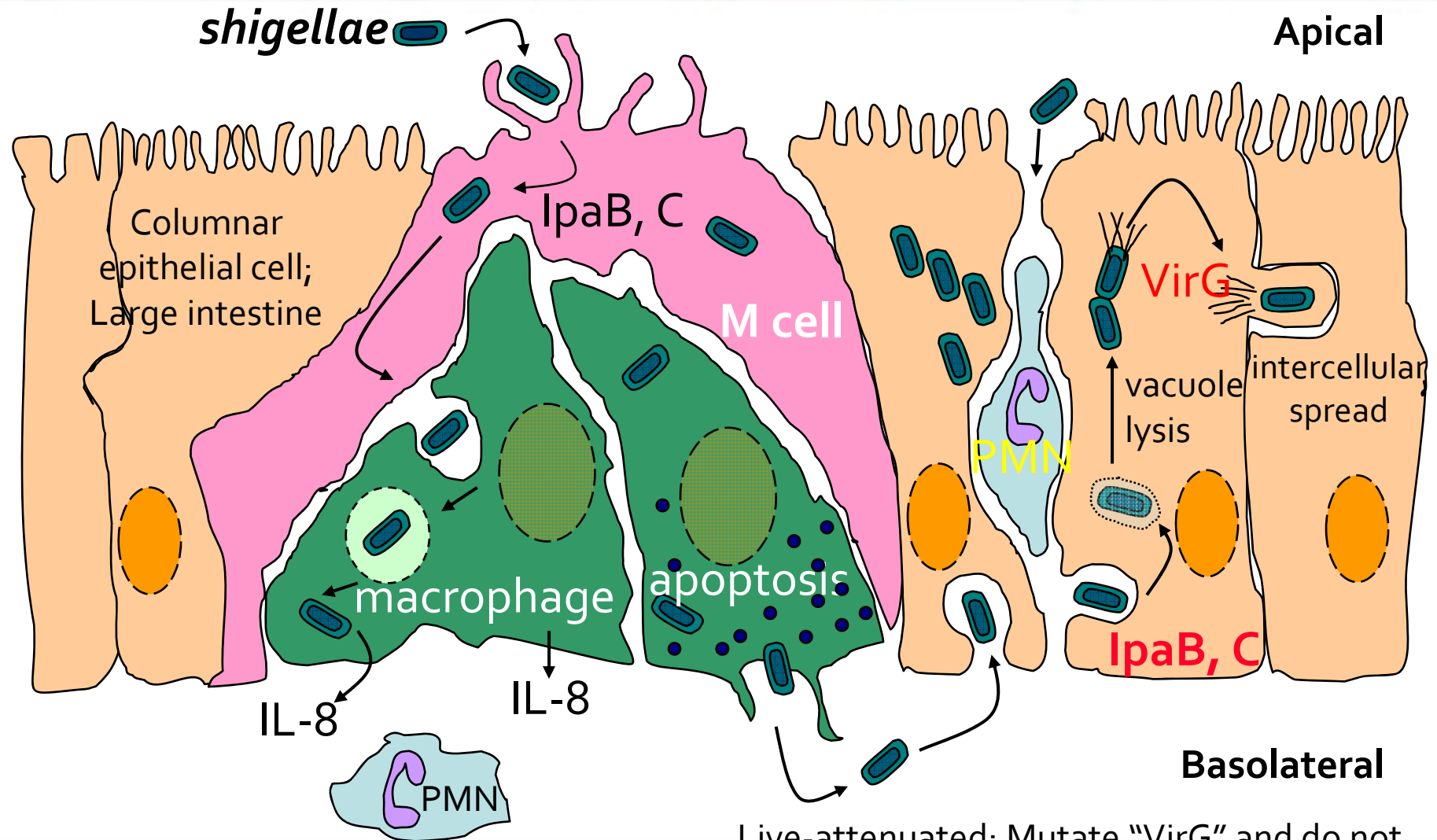


# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - *Shigella*



- Shigellosis / Dysentery
  - Person-to-person, foodborne (food, water)
  - Inoculum size --- 10-200 organisms
  - Serotype diversity --- >50 different serotypes (LPS)
  - Pathogenesis --- invasion, spread, inflammatory response with cytotoxicity
  - Clinical syndrome --- dysentery

# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery – *Shigella*



Live-attenuated: Mutate "VirG" and do not get further spread of infection

# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - *Shigella*



- *Shigella* vaccine strategies
  - Live, attenuated *Shigella* vaccines (LASV)
    - Virulence-based mutations (*virG*) in *Shigella* (WRSS1) and further mutate toxins and immunomodulators (*shET* and *msb*) for less reactogenicity to create second generation vaccines (WRSs2 and WRSs3)
  - Recombinant
    - Invasion plasmid antigen (*Ipa*) proteins of Type Three Secretion System (TTSS) cloned, expressed and purified and added to *Shigella* LPS to create the “Invaplex” vaccine

# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - *Shigella*



- Live attenuated *Shigella* vaccines
  - WRSS1 given to more than 100 volunteers, found to be safe and highly immunogenic but some side effects
  - WRSs2 and WRSs3 in phase 1 clinical trial to be conducted in April, FY11
  - To determine safety and immunogenicity
  - US Army, NIH funded

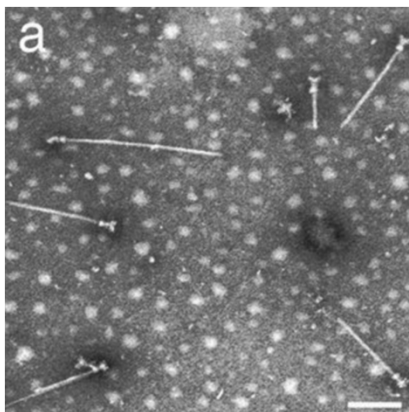


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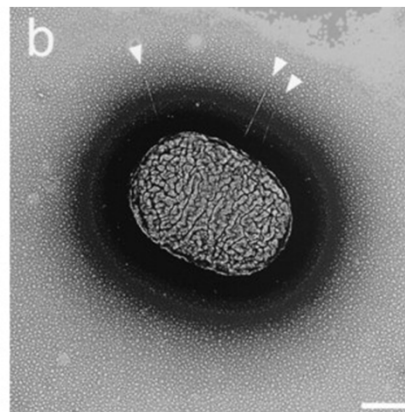


- Recombinant *Shigella* “Invaplex” vaccine
  - Cloned and purified proteins from the Type Three Secretion System (TTSS) mixed with *Shigella* LPS
  - Produces protective immune response in mice and guinea pig
  - Phase 1 clinical trial scheduled for FY13
  - US Army, sanofi pasteur

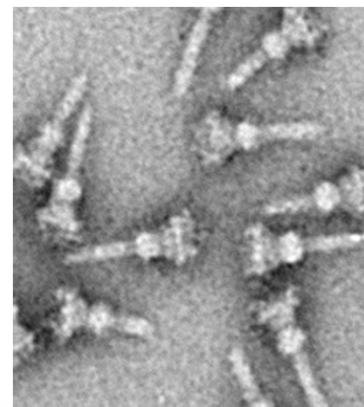
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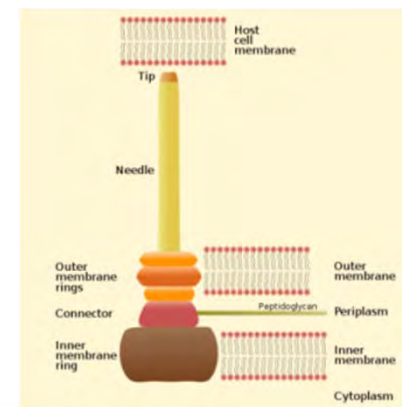
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Injectisome extending from *Shigella*



Injectisome



Injectisome graphic

# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - *Campylobacter*

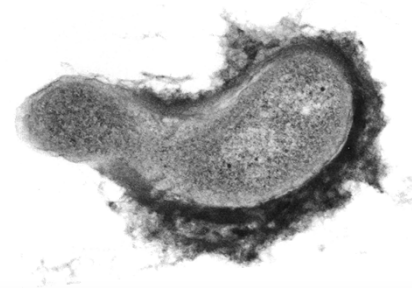


- *Campylobacter jejuni*
  - Transmission: Foodborne
  - Inoculum size: low ( $\geq 5 \times 10^2$  orgs)
  - Reservoirs: animals (poultry)
  - Serotype diversity: 48 Penner serotypes
  - Pathogenic process: adherence, invasion, inflammatory response
  - clinical syndrome: acute inflammatory response
  - sequelae: reactive arthritis, Guillian-Barre, irritable bowl syndrome

# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - *Campylobacter*



- *C. jejuni* polysaccharide capsules (CPS) first identified by genomics
- Major determinant of Penner serotype
- Proven *C. jejuni* virulence factor
- Polysaccharide antigens have required protein conjugation to be efficiently immunogenic as vaccines
  - Pneumococcus (Prevnar) *H. influenzae* B (HiB)
- Conjugate by reductive amination to CRM197 protein to elicit T-cell dependent response



# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery - *Campylobacter*



- NHP model to prove efficacy for *C. jejuni* CPS-CRM197 conjugate vaccine
  - *C. jejuni* diarrhea model established in *Aotus nancymae* that mimics human disease
  - SC vaccination with CPS81-76-CRM197 conjugate + alum
  - 100% protection from homologous (same serotype) challenge
- IND submission in FY11 for capsule-conjugate vaccine, phase 1 clinical trial beginning of FY13



# Vaccines Against Bacterial Diarrhea and Dysentery



- Challenges
  - ETEC, *Shigella* and *Campylobacter* all have numerous serotypes
  - Each vaccine will have to be multivalent to cover relevant serotypes and to afford broad protection
  - The “Ideal” Diarrhea Vaccine will be multivalent, multi-pathogen

# Summary



- Malaria
- Dengue
- Bacterial Diarrheal pathogens
- Challenges
  - Technical
  - Business
  - Cost
  - Time

# **Tetravalent Dengue Virus (TDV) Vaccine**



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## Asia: Dengue Risk to U.S. Forces

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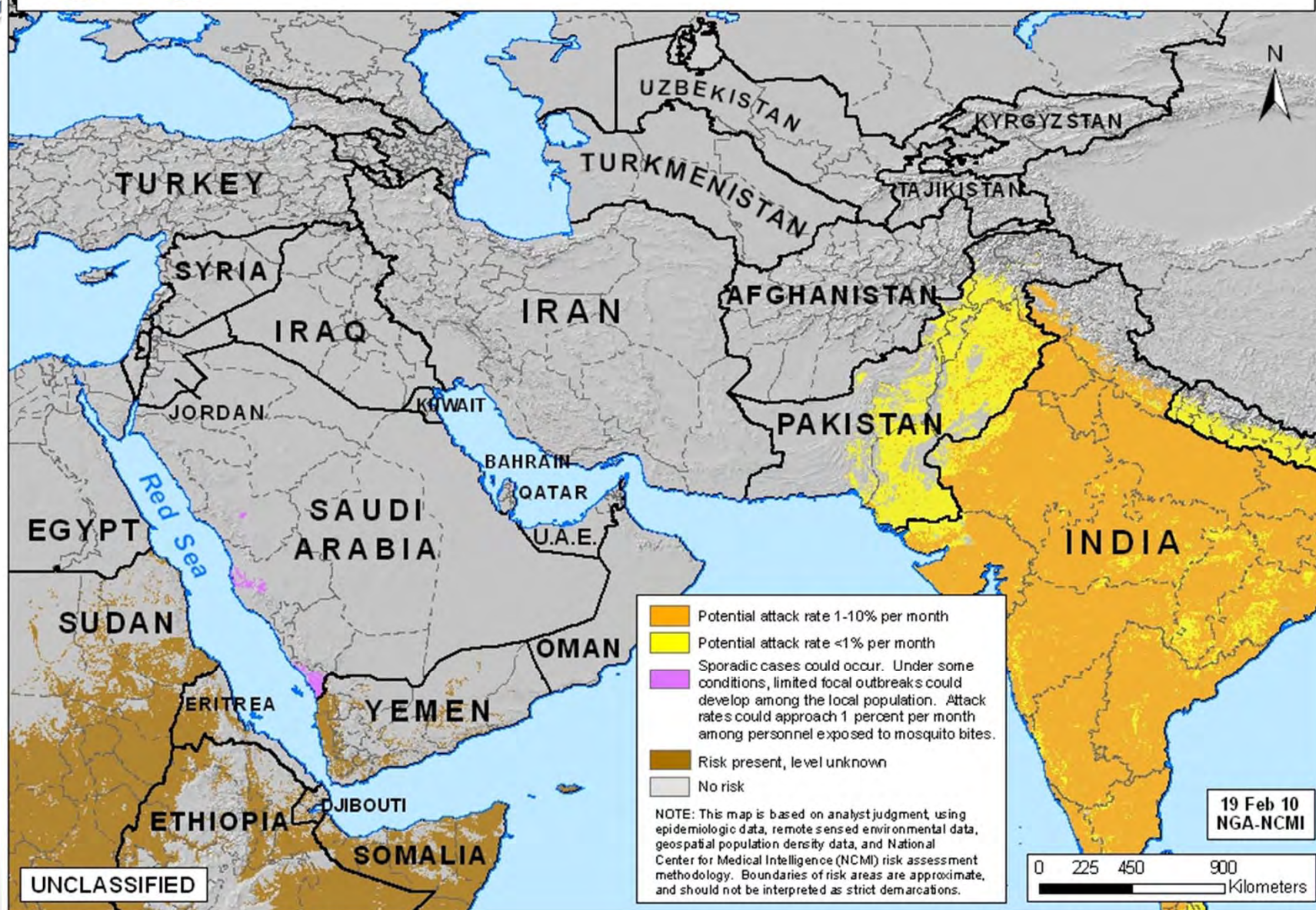




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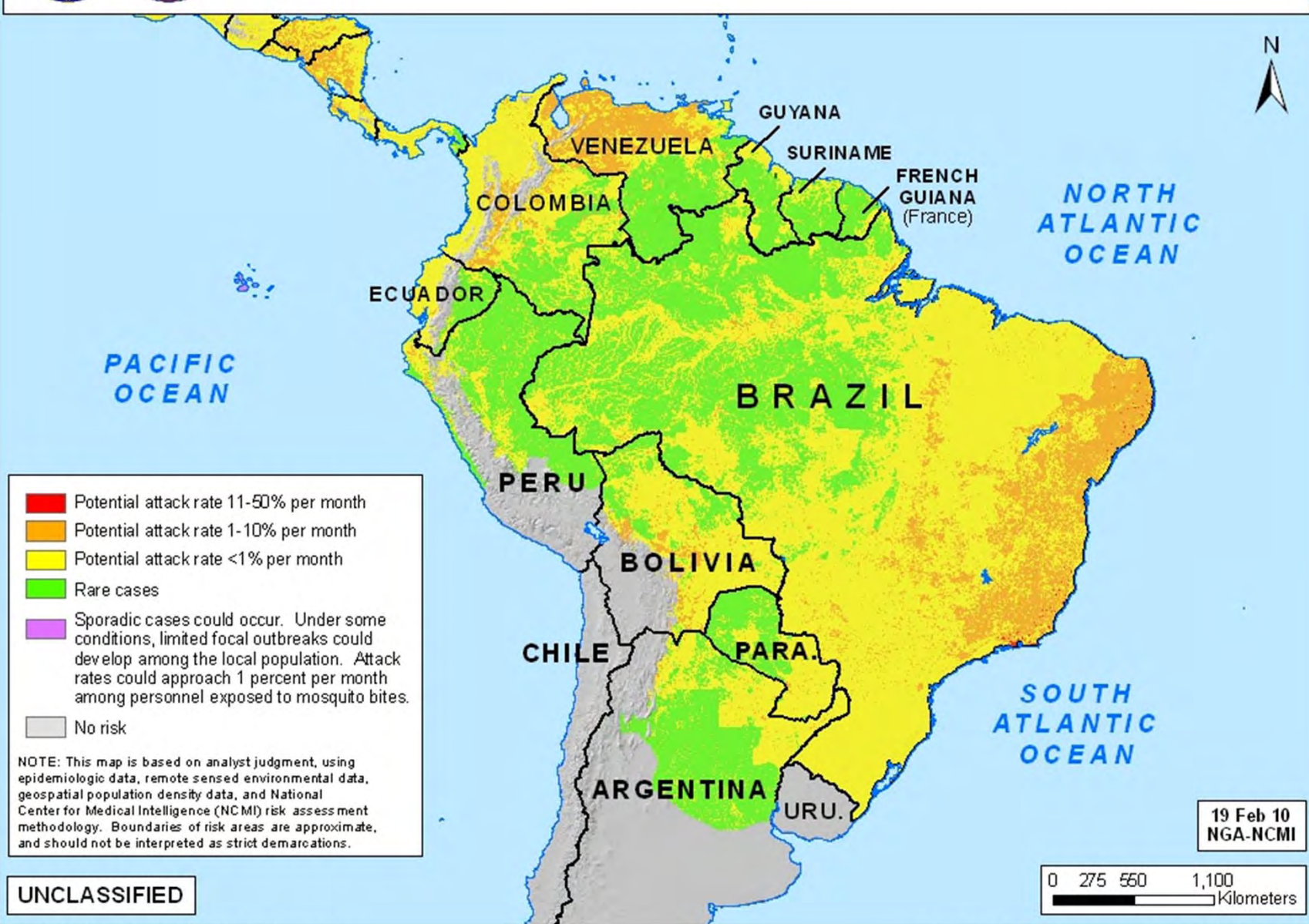




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